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EAST-WEST TALKS: EDEN'S PROMISE

A "Useful Meeting" Envisaged

BUT FIRST, RATIFICATION OF WESTERN TREATIES

London, Jan. 17.

Britain will work to bring about a "useful meeting" with Russia once the Paris treaties, arming West Germany, are in force, Sir Anthony Eden said here tonight.

The Foreign Secretary, in a nation-wide broadcast, said he believed there would then be opportunities for negotiations with the Soviet Union.

He said: "The German issue lies at the heart of Europe. We have always held that Germany should be united.

"But Germany can only be unified through the unity of the West because it is only when Western unity is assured that discussions can usefully be held with Soviet Russia."

This statement was taken by diplomats here as a firm rejection of Russia's weekend proposals for uniting Germany, provided the Paris treaties were scrapped.

Sir Anthony Eden welcomed the projected Turco-Iraqi defence pact and said: "It is, I understand, the hope of these two states that other countries would also join in later. This would certainly create increased stability and security throughout the Middle East. That is surely what we all want to see."

On the Far East, he said: "What we are chiefly trying to do in the Far East is to reduce the risk of further fighting. That can be done, provided everybody including China, is prepared to work for it and to act with caution, especially in the danger areas which are perfectly well known."

The eight Southeast Asian treaty nations, meeting in Bangkok next month, would discuss "various methods" of helping each other.

"These will not be only military," Sir Anthony Eden said.

"For in that part of the world economic, political and social problems are just as important."

A FIRM BASIS

Speaking of European problems, he said that ratification of the Paris treaties, arming West Germany, would give Western Europe "a basis, firm enough to give a real prospect of successful negotiations with Soviet Russia."

"All this work is fully supported by our fellow members of the Commonwealth and by the United States, with whom, I think it is fair to say our relations have never been closer."

"The Soviet Government are doing all in their power to prevent the London and Paris agreements from being ratified," Sir Anthony Eden said.

"They have threatened to denounce their treaties with France and with ourselves, and we must expect them to continue their efforts to divide the free countries of the West.

"They will go on proclaiming that our plans are aggressive in character and a menace to peace.

"Of course they are not and they know it."

The treaties, setting up the new seven-nation Western European Union and bringing West Germany into the Atlantic Pact had been approved by all the NATO nations, whose membership was enough to guarantee their defensive purpose.

"The truth is that it was Soviet policies in the post-war years that brought NATO into being."

"Once the Paris agreements are ratified by all the countries concerned, as we hope they may be in the next two or three months, then I believe that opportunities will present themselves for negotiation with Soviet Russia.

"We certainly intend to work for this and to try and bring about a useful meeting."

THE LESSON

Sir Anthony Eden said that the lesson of this century was that wars broke out when there was great inequality of military strength.

The world might have been spared the agony of the last war if there had existed a collective defence system similar to the one being created today.

"That is what I mean by peace through strength."

"The West disarmed after the war. We gave the practical example. If only the Russians had followed suit, how different the story could have been. But Russia increased her armed strength and kept on saying 'no.'"

The Foreign Secretary said the Western European Union was of "the greatest political importance, for within it, France and Germany will at last be able to work constructively together. How much that could mean for the peace of the world. Our country will be a full member and determined to carry out its responsibilities as such."

Referring to the arms pool conference, which opened in Paris today, the Foreign Secretary said Britain would do its best to "contribute ideas that can be useful."

Sir Anthony Eden said everyone should be grateful to President Eisenhower who had inspired the work now started on international co-operation on the uses of atomic energy for peaceful purposes.

"Meanwhile we have been trying to make progress with a plan for disarmament which can come into effect as the other problems are solved. Further meetings about this are going to take place here in London next month among the nations principally concerned" (the United States, Russia, Canada, France and Britain).

INDO-CHINA

Referring to the Indo-China agreements, Sir Anthony Eden said that if they were respected there was no reason why they should not contribute to a "lasting settlement in that part of the world."

"We shall, of course, uphold the agreements reached in Geneva and we look to all the other signatories to do the same."

Sir Anthony Eden emphasised that the Manila Treaty, setting up the Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation, was like NATO "purely defensive."

"They threaten no one," he declared.

At the forthcoming Bangkok conference, economic, political and social questions would figure as much as military matters. "We want to help them (the countries of Southeast Asia) as much as we can to develop their independent ways of life and improve their living conditions."

In doing this "we must have understanding for their many special problems and their highly individual points of view."

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Five Die In River Tragedy

Rosario, Argentina, Jan. 17

The father, brother, sister and friend of a teen-age boy were drowned today in a futile attempt to save him from the Parana River.

Luis Biancucci, 15, fell into the river and was swept away by the current. His father Guido, 44, his brother Pedro, 18, his sister Elena 16, and Alberto Stropedi, 18, a friend, jumped in one after another to rescue the boy but all were drowned.

The boy's mother also jumped in but was rescued before the strong current overpowered her.—United Press.

NEW OFFER TO MAU MAU

London, Jan. 17.

The Kenya Government is to make a new surrender offer to the Mau Mau terrorists immediately, under which any one who gives up will not be prosecuted for any offence committed under the emergency regulations, it was learned today.

The peace bid — third since the emergency began in October, 1952—is aimed at clearing the "hard core" of 4,000 to 5,000 terrorists from the Aberdare and Mount Kenya forests.

The proposed new amnesty, considered here to be "the last offer" and giving the most sweeping terms so far, will include murder offences.

Offences committed after the surrender terms are announced will not be covered by the amnesty.

Any terrorist who is safely released will be allowed to go after examination.

Thousands of leaflets are being prepared for dropping on the terrorists in their forest lairs to give news of the new terms and surrender instructions.—Reuter.

Ambitious Helicopter Plans Vetoed

London, Jan. 17.

The British Transport Minister, Mr John Boyd Carpenter, has turned down a plan to build helicopter landing sites in central London on bridges over the river Thames.

In a letter to a member of Parliament, Lieutenant-Colonel Marcus Lipton, the Minister said the idea of utilising bridges "is attractive at first sight."

But he added: "The bridges themselves will only support the weight for which they were originally designed, which naturally did not include a helicopter station."

Mr Boyd Carpenter was commenting on a plan put forward by one of Mr Lipton's constituents, who proposed that a platform be first built over the Blackfriars road bridge and two adjacent railway bridges, and later that a new bridge should be built incorporating a helicopter station above it.

Mr Boyd Carpenter said the foundations and superstructures of the railway bridges could not be subjected to greater loads than at present. On the road bridge it was unlikely that there was much margin over the loading for which it was designed.

Operationally the site had attractions, the Minister said. But the platform would have to be supported virtually independently of the bridges and erected at a greater height to clear them.

On the question of constructing a new bridge Mr Boyd Carpenter said: "It is too early to comment at this stage of helicopter developments."—China Mail Special.

King Gustav Opens His Parliament

King Gustav Adolf reads his speech from the throne during the ceremony of the opening of the Swedish Parliament in the Hall of State of the Royal Palace, Stockholm. —London Express.

Arms Pool Plan Set-Back

Paris, Jan. 17.

West Germany tonight bluntly rejected a French plan for a European arms production pool which would have placed new and additional restrictions on West Germany's economy and on her future arms production.

Authoritative sources emphasised, however, that although Germany would reject the boldest internationalised parts of the French plan, it was ready to accept milder sections calling only for inter-governmental co-operation.

The German stand was spelled out as a seven-nation conference opened here to consider Premier Pierre Mendes-France's whole scheme. Simultaneously, Radio Moscow weighed in with a bitter attack denouncing it as an impractical sham and a Western "smoke-screen for Bonn rearmament."

The Communists claimed that in reality the arms agency would be unable to control a re-armed Germany, and that M. Mendes-France originated it to sell French Senators who still have to vote on the Western European Union.

Despite the lukewarm German attitude—reflected in varying degrees by the British and Dutch—there was no expectation the conference here would be allowed to fail.

Delegation circles said they anticipated some compromise that would allow France finally to accept WEU.

But it will be a slow business. Estimates of the conference's duration varied between six weeks and three months.—United Press.

Planes & Guns For Nicaragua

Panama, Jan. 17.

The German freighter Leanna was scheduled to dock at the Nicaraguan Pacific port of Corinto today with 26 new Swedish aeroplanes and a large load of machineguns and ammunition consigned to the Nicaraguan President, Anastasio Somoza, authoritative sources reported.

The 3,000-ton freighter passed through the Panama Canal on January 14. Besides the manifest listed 50 12.7mm machineguns, 1,500,000 rounds of .45 calibre ammunition and "plenty of ammunition" of other calibres.

The ship was also reported to be carrying aircraft spare parts, including new propellers. The planes were believed to be the Swedish version of World War II American P-51 fighters.

The freighter was reported to have sailed directly to Corinto from Balboa.—United Press.

REQUEST TO US

Managua, Nicaragua, Jan. 17.

General Anastasio Somoza, President of Nicaragua, declared today that he has urgently requested the United States to sell him five planes, similar to those sold to Costa Rica.

He protested that the four fighter planes and one transport aircraft sent to neighbouring Costa Rica, which is under attack by rebels, was the same as "putting a dangerous toy in the hands of a lunatic."

The Organisation of American States which organised the sale of the planes has told Nicaragua to stop the flow of war material crossing her border into Costa Rica.

The investigation commission of the Organisation of American States notified its Washington headquarters today that two of the planes which had attacked Costa Rican towns had been spotted at a Nicaraguan airport.

The Nicaraguan Foreign Ministry announced that the planes, North American Texans (AT-6) had been interned with their crews because the Nicaraguan Government was "strictly complying with its international obligations."—Reuter.

SHIPS COLLIDE

Santos, Brazil, Jan. 17.

Two British ships sustained some damage today after they collided near this harbour.

The Uruguay Star, entering the harbour, rammed the Davis, which was lying idle. Both ships were towed into port to be repaired.

There were no casualties.—United Press.

Selections For Tomorrow's Races

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Harvest Moon
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Gladiolus
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RACE 3
Blossom Time
Colin
Honey Dew
Outsider:—Invincible.

RACE 4
Knock-again
Ambition
Marietta
Outsider:—Norse Girl.

RACE 5
Santa Maria
Castle Peak
Vendetta
Outsider:—Golden Branch.

RACE 6
Shiraz
Cirrus
Fidra
Outsider:—Solar Knight.

RACE 7
Winsome Stag
Beautiful Future
Miracle
Outsider:—Ivan-Ho.

RACE 8
Fenchurch
Clonfeckle
Norseman
Outsider:—New Jersey.

RACE 9
Mascot
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Empire Rose
Outsider:—All Gay.

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Laddie
V. I. P.
Outsider:—Tip Top.

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Roue D'or
Outsider:—Harvest Moon.

RACE 2
Dashing Beauty II
First Lady
Gladiolus
Outsider:—Thunder Sky.

RACE 3
Timber
May Blossom
Invincible
Outsider:—Blazing.

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Norse Girl
King A
Outsider:—Beautiful Lie.

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Santa Maria
Vendetta
Quicksilver
Outsider:—Golden Branch.

RACE 6
Shiraz
Solar Knight
Supreme Command
Outsider:—Cirrus.

RACE 7
Winsome Stag
Miracle
Ivan-Ho
Outsider:—Long Cue.

RACE 8
Gabriel Junks
Clonfeckle
Norseman
Outsider:—Fenchurch.

RACE 9
Mascot
Helicon
Violet Ray
Outsider:—Empire Rose.

RACE 10
Tip Top
V. I. P.
Probability
Outsider:—The Hopeful.

Pay-As-You-Sin System For Motorists Launched

Paris, Jan. 17.

All 53 of today's motoring offenders in Paris — horn honkers, queue jumpers and perpetrators of minor traffic offences — paid up cheerfully when stopped by patrolling traffic policemen on the first day of the pay-as-you-sin system of collecting fines.

By paying the 900-franc fine on the spot the offenders avoided the alternative of a heavier fine after and a police court appearance.

Many went into nearby shops to get change so that they could pay up right away.

The first man to be fined was a tradesman who jumped a queue not far from the world-famous Louvre Museum.

The last to be netted today was a commercial traveller who had not lit up in time.

Some 40 policemen have been trained and sworn in for the new job.—France-Presse.

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COMMENT OF THE DAY

For Stability

THE primary design of the forthcoming conference at Bangkok is to consolidate the SEATO treaty. Periodical conferences of the signatories were provided for in the pact, but the Bangkok meeting holds special significance because it will be a high level one. The foreign ministers of all the countries—including Sir Anthony Eden—are expected to attend and it will be the task of these statesmen to implement the resolutions adopted at the Manila conference and to plan permanent international machinery which will give substance and form to the SEATO treaty. There is another aspect of the coming conference deserving attention. Some of the countries taking part will be the same as those invited to the Afro-Asian conference of Colombo countries next March and inevitably the question is posed: do the conferences fit together, or do they conflict? One of the aims which has been declared for the Afro-Asian conference is to increase the chances of peace. The Bangkok meeting has the same object. What differs is the method. The purpose of the SEATO treaty or one of its purposes is to deter aggression by arranging for collective action in case aggression takes place. The Afro-Asian conference will seek to promote peace through international discussion and negotiation. The two ways may well be complementary.

WHAT cannot be ignored is the suspicion of many in Asia about the SEATO plan. But it is equally true that those suspicions are based on misconceptions about what the SEATO treaty contains. One widely expressed fear is that the forming of an anti-Communist bloc leads to greater tension, but this theory has been emphatically discounted by experience in Europe where the growing stability of NATO has helped to diminish tension. In Asia the time of maximum tension was when the free world was disorganised with the invasion of South Korea as the result. But it is clear that the consequent united front established by the free world persuaded the Communist powers to grow more cautious. Some of the suspicions or fears about the SEATO pact have also sprung from suspicions of America's foreign policy. What needs to be appreciated is that this has undergone important, though subtle changes. President Eisenhower has been at the head of public opinion in the United States in guiding the way to new and cautious attitudes and the exploration of means for co-existence.

MERITING recognition is the promise that the SEATO treaty will contribute to the social and economic development of Southeast Asia. How to promote this and what new machinery may need to be set up is another part of the Bangkok conference agenda. That surely may bring solid advantage to Asia provided the economic effort continues to be along lines such as those of the Colombo Plan. There remains criticisms — propagated especially by the Communist powers — that the Western countries have no right to interest themselves at all in Asian countries. This is to ignore that peace is indivisible and that we are living in the day of "one world." If there is to be stability elsewhere there must also be stability in Asia. The Western countries cannot disinterest themselves and the Bangkok conference can rightly be regarded as a constructive effort at increasing world stability.

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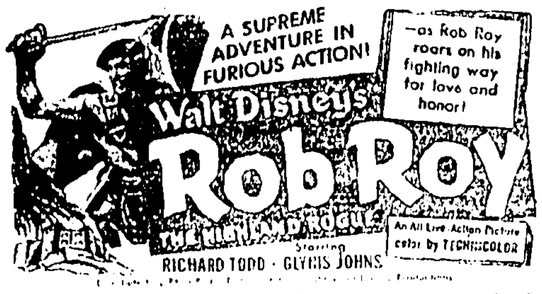

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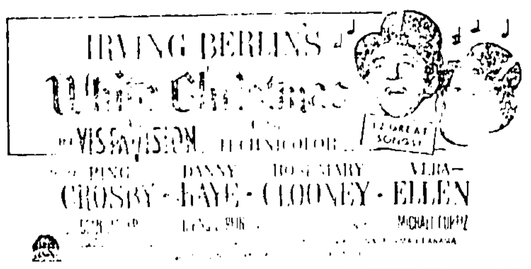

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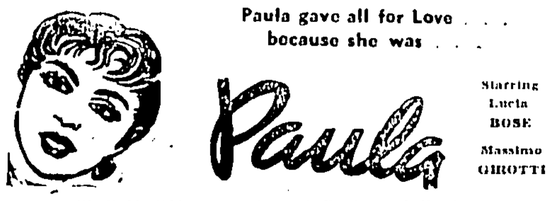

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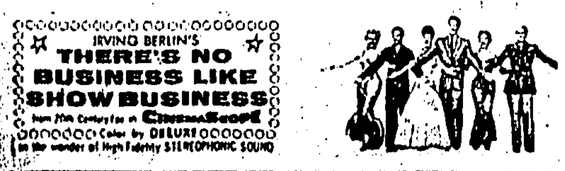


VIETMINH ARMY TRAINING

Hanoi Is No Longer A Gay Carefree City

NEW BREED OF OFFICER

Haiphong, Jan. 17.

In the streets of Hanoi on these rainy, winter nights move column of grey figures, marching with muffled tread in light canvas shoes.

In the Communist army of Indo-China, the veterans of Dien Bien Phu and the new recruits endlessly training, marching, preparing for new battles.

[illegible] Vietminh [illegible] fed the [illegible] streamed in [illegible] last summer [illegible] Geneva conference [illegible] of Indo-China to Ho Chi Minh.

FEAR AND AWE

Now the people watch these Spartan soldiers with amazement, mingled with fear and awe. Hanoi remembers the French soldiers and the Foreign Legionnaires who threw their money around like water; the gay, colourful diplomatic colony.

All that is no more. Hanoi is now an armed camp.

In the gloom of the early morning before the sun is up you can see the Vietminh soldiers marching out to manoeuvres.

First in the column are the riflemen. Then come soldiers carrying disassembled parts of mortars and machine-guns. The end of the column is most colourful. It is the kitchen and barnyard.

Pigs, squealing little murmer, hang head down from a bamboo pole. Baskets of clucking chickens swing at the end of another pole. Other men carry firewood. There are two huge, soot-blackened pots for boiling rice.

The rice itself uncooked, is carried in cloth "sausages" slung over the shoulders. Thus equipped, a unit can march for days without replenishments.

This army has come a long way since the battle of Dien Bien Phu which ended on May 7. It has had time to digest its triumphs, cure for its wounded, set up a bit, begin new intensive training and dream of entering the French-held city of Saigon in the South.

One can see the young recruits in Hanoi training in empty lots, peering through the sights of their machine-guns. When gun practice is over, they gather around an officer listening intently. Their programme is heavily weighted with "political training."

ECONOMIC BURDEN

The Red army is a terrible burden on the economy, already weakened by the departure of the French, but China, which helped through the war, is helping again.

[illegible] are a new breed. They have a style all their own [illegible] seems to consist of having no style at all. Nothing flamboyant or colourful about them, like the French officers. They [illegible] with their cartridge belts seem mere figures of wood. But when they speak, which is rarely, it is right to the point. They know their business.

The commanding general, Vo Nuguyen Giap, the victor of Dien Bien Phu, is a soft-spoken man like the professor he is. He entertains in style for the International Commissions at Hanoi. He is the Minister of Defence and one of the few who speak with real authority in the inner circles of the Vietminh Government.

His army has almost doubled in size since the armistice. It is now more than 800,000 Communist in training and character. It is poised like a dagger over soft-skinned easy going, disunited South Vietnam.

The Co Dai army of the South has no notable warlike achievements to boast. It is no match for the Vietminh army of the North. It is only 200,000 strong. Plans are afoot to reduce it even more, to shave it down to a "Police Force" of between 85,000 and 110,000.

Optimists are hoping that the North's Army won't descend on the lamb-like South.

They hope the country will be united in 1956 by internationally supervised elections.

MAY STRIKE

But those elections may never come. The Communists may strike before then.

If the decision is war, nothing can save the South except the armed intervention of the United States or the United Nations.—United Press.

Narriman Can't See Her Son

Lausanne, Jan. 17.

Ex-Queen Narriman of Egypt said today that she could not see her son Fuad because of an "agreement" she made with former King Farouk when she left him in 1953.

The couple's son Fuad is celebrating his third birthday in Zermatt today without either parent. Narriman said she was forbidden by an agreement with Farouk "to see the King [illegible]

EX-QUEEN NARRIMAN

yearning for to go to Zermatt and take my little child into my arms."

Narriman declined further comment about the "agreement" with Farouk. This was the first time she mentioned any agreement with him. However, she apparently had promised never to see Fuad without Farouk's permission.

Meanwhile in Zermatt a messenger for Narriman sent with presents for her son's birthday ran into trouble with the village's two-man police force. The messenger, an employee of the Lucerne Hotel where Narriman is staying, was taken to the police station when he asked to see the young Prince. Police released him after checking his identity, questioning him on his intentions and examining the presents.

ROUTINE CHECK

"It was a routine check we had to perform," said one of the two policemen. "We are in charge of the Prince and have to interrogate all strangers wishing to see him."

Police asked the messenger to excuse their interference before they released him. They gave him a tip on behalf of Fuad's governess.

The presents—a white teddy bear with a basso voice, a red pedal-driven car, a big bunch of roses bearing a little card addressed "to His Majesty Fuad II, Zermatt" and an iced birthday cake—were handed to the governess after the police had examined them.

Fuad, the only child of the brief Farouk-Narriman marriage, spent his big day without his parents. Farouk was en route there yesterday but left the train between Lausanne and there last night and has not arrived yet.—United Press.

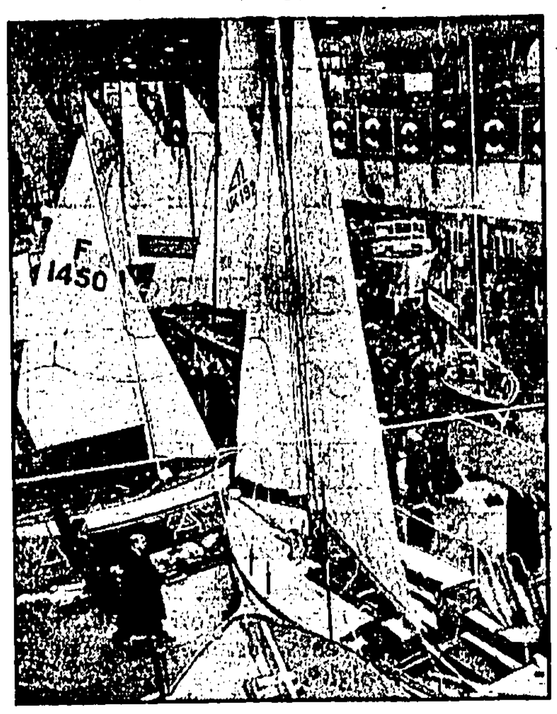
INDIA REGRETS

Madras, Jan. 17.

The Steering Committee of the Indian National Congress—the ruling Political Party—today approved a resolution urging Chinese Communist admission to the United Nations.

The Committee also passed a resolution regretting the South-east Asia Treaty Organisation, which it said adds insecurity in Southeast Asia. The resolutions will go before the 60th session of Congress this week.—United Press.

Sails On Show In London



Rows of gleaming white sails reach to the ceiling in the Empire Hall at Olympia, London, where the first National Boat Show was held. The show was organised by the ship and Boat Builders' National Federation.—Reuterphoto.

Examination Of United States Atomic Law

Washington, Jan. 17.

Senator Clinton P. Aderson disclosed today that the Congressional Atomic Energy Committee plans to open hearings soon that will deal at length with the controversial patent provision of the Atomic Law.

Mr Anderson, incoming Committee Chairman, said that the hearings will deal with "the development, growth and state of the atomic energy industry." He said the question of patents on atomic inventions is sure to figure prominently in the study.

The patent provision, together with a proposal authorising the controversial Dixon-Yates atomic power contract, touched off a historic 13-day filibuster last year when the Senate was considering the Administration bill revising the 1946 Atomic Energy Law.

PRIVATE INDUSTRY

The Committee does not plan to go into the Dixon-Yates contract at the hearings. It previously announced a later inquiry into the Atomic Energy Commission's power supply arrangements, at which the Dixon-Yates plan is expected to be aired.

As finally approved by Congress last August, the law opened the field of atomic energy to private industry.

But Congress wrote into the Administration's bill a provision forcing private firms to share their atomic secrets with all competitors for five years.

The compulsory licence provision was inserted in the Senate. It was not included in an early compromise version approved originally by the House. Senate foes of the measure blasted it as a "give-away" bill.

However, Representative W. Sterling Cole, former Committee Chairman, has said that he intends to introduce legislation to repeal the compulsory licensing provision. He told the House last year the provision probably was unconstitutional.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Mr Anderson said he is sure the Committee will want to take another look at the provision. He said he thinks it also will want to hear testimony on several recent announcements by the Atomic Commission dealing with industrial development. They include:

1. The announcement that the AEC will consider proposals for industrial participation in reactor development programme. The Commission would furnish materials for a power reactor and make the know-how obtained in the process of constructing it available to industry generally. The deadline for submission of proposals is April 1.

2. Announcement of a schedule of charges—rents and sale—for materials which would be used to set up an atomic power plant, together with a fair price schedule setting forth prices the Government is willing to pay for uranium and plutonium produced as a by-product by atomic power installations.

HEARINGS

Mr Anderson noted that under the Atomic Energy Law the Committee must hold hearings on these and related developments within 60 days of the start of each session of Congress.

He said he hopes the Committee can meet on Wednesday to complete its organisation in the new Congress. He said he is sure that preparations for the hearings on industrial use of the atoms "will be the first order of business." — United Press.

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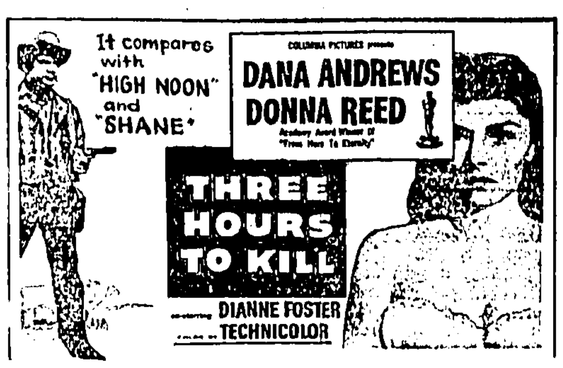

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DEMOCRATS CRITICAL OF IKE

Will Examine Defence Budget With Care

SEN. LYNDON JOHNSON

Washigton, Jan. 17.

The Democratic leader in the Senate, Mr Lyndon Johnson of Texas, said today that President Eisenhower's Budget message would receive very careful scrutiny to determine whether it provided an adequate and co-ordinated defence or whether it was in line with the "'off again, on again, gone again" approach of the last two years.

Mr Johnson told reporters:

"It is significant that for the third straight year the Administration, pledged to a balanced budget, is requesting an increase in the debt limit. Apparently this is a goal somewhat more difficult to achieve than the Republican compaign managers of 1952 realised.

The House of Representatives Democratic leader, Mr John McCormack of Massachusetts, said that the Budget was out of balance, said: "I am wondering when the Republicans are ... to start keeping some of their campaign promises."

REFLECTED CONFIDENCE

The House Republican leader, Mr Joseph Martin of Massachusetts, said the Budget reflected administration confidence "in the nation's immediate future...."

He added: "Any budget that saves $1,100 million over the previous year's spending is a good budget."

Senator Joseph McCarthy (Republican, Wisconsin), reserving comment on other sections of Mr Eisenhower's Budget message, said that he would offer an amendment to deny foreign aid of any kind to nations which engaged in commerce with Communist China while the Communists held American as prisoners.

"I will press it vigorously and if it loses I will vote against any foreign aid appropriations," Senator McCarthy said.

He added that he expected such an amendment would command more support in the Senate this year than when he offered a similar one a year ago, which was rejected.—Reuter.

Few Troops' Complaints In Germany

London, Jan. 17.

The leader of a British Parliamentary delegation of six, who returned today after a week's "any complaints" visit to British troops in Germany, said here there was not much to worry about.

Mr Wilfred Paling, the Labour M.P. who headed the group said at London airport there were some "problems and difficulties which the men have asked us to take up."

The delegation with three Conservative and three Labour M.P.s visited West Germany at the invitation of Mr Antony Head, the War Minister, for whom they will prepare a report. It is hoped it will be discussed after Parliament meets again next week following the Christmas recess.

MEN DELIGHTED

Mr Paling said servicemen in Germany were delighted that the four "a boat" control tour had been arranged and that they were not forgotten. "Every facility was given to see anything we desired and to speak to anyone we wished. Others are not appreciated the opportunity of meeting and talking to M.P.s."

Mr Paling said the group had been "impressed by the efficiency of the national service soldier as a soldier though many prefer civilian life."

Also in the delegation were Conservatives Mr Hector Hoy, Mr John Langford-Holt, the Air, E. H. Garner-Evans, and Socialists Dr Alfred Broughton and Mr Harold Boardman.—China Mail Special.

HISTORY OF THE KREMLIN

Peekeley, Calif., Jan. 17.

The University of California Press has announced the publication of the first English history of the architecture and art treasures of the Kremlin in Moscow.

The volume, titled "The Moscow Kremlin," by Arthur Voyce, traces the history of the structure from its first rude-jacketed compound to the incumeval stone citadel and the principal modern additions, including the Lenin Mausoleum.

The book notes that the Kremlin houses one of the world's "most fabulous and least known assemblage of art objects." They range from cathedrals to gems of incalculable value.

INFLUENCE

Byzantian sketches are included to show the men and women who influenced the development of the architecture of the Kremlin. These are described as autocratic rulers, well-known native and foreign architects, artists, and engineers.

Especially noted are the contributions made to the structure by the Roman architects in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. The book contains one hundred and seven illustrations, many of which never before have been published in the West.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Nook (6).
5 Proclamation (5).
8 Run off to marry (5).
9 Revolve (6).
10 Epic poem (5).
11 Feel (5).
12 Hide (4).
13 Amphibian (5).
16 Chief (6).
18 Disinclined (6).
20 Vexed (5).
22 Soon (4).
23 Urged on (5).
25 Mother-of-pearl (5).
26 Entertain sumptuously (6).
27 Rub out (5).
28 Repairs (5).
29 Newspaper chief (6).

DOWN

1 Record (8).
2 Season of revelry (8).
3 Places (4).
4 Rail support (7).
5 Incident (7).
6 Expunge (6).
7 End (5).
14 Carry through (8).
15 Animal (8).
16 Account books (7).
17 Calumniate (7).
19 Changed course (6).
21 Likeness (5).
24 Exploit (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Sped, 7 Green, 8 Urns, 9 Silt, 10 Departs, 12 Yawn, 15 Teams, 16 Deny, 19 Omits, 21 Abode, 22 Fled, 23 Waive, 26 Bent, 29 Stetson, 30 Asks, 31 Liar, 32 Annul, 33 Tows. Down: 1 Greed, 2 Debated, 4 Prism, 5 Duty, 6 Anew, 9 Stay, 11 Renew, 13 Arid, 14 Nest, 16 Solve, 17 Lamb, 18 Down, 20 Mooting, 22 Fits, 24 Askew, 25 Bogus, 27 Exit, 28 Tart.

A picture from Victoria, Australia, which tells its own story! But we just don't know if it's a shortage of razor blades or if this sort of thing comes naturally to these big tough Australian woodsmen!—United Press Photo.

NIGHT BECOMES DAY FOR NAPUI, THE ZOO'S KIWI

London, Jan. 17.

A Zoo experiment to change the kiwi Napui, who is normally a nocturnal bird into a day bird is beginning to show results.

Napui was a Coronation gift from the people of New Zealand's North Island. But because he slept by day few Zoo visitors saw him.

So his quarters at the ostrich house were "blacked out" during the daytime, the only light being from dark blue lamps which gave a "moonlight" effect. By night, Napui's cage was brilliantly floodlit to resemble daylight.

At first the kiwi kept to his former routine and appeared only by night. But now he is changing his habits.

He comes out during the daytime and spends much time picking earthworms from a pot which the keepers put down for him each morning. By night, he stays in bed.

"We have given a good deal of thought and expense to this experiment," said Mr John Yealland, curator of birds.

"It is not yet complete. Later, we shall begin making his quarters gradually lighter by day and we hope, in the end, that we shall have turned him into a daytime bird for good."—*(London Express Service.)*

Disabled Freighter Under Tow

Norfolk Va., Jan. 17.

The Coast Guard reported that the disabled freighter Steelore was being towed into Morehead City, North Carolina, tonight by the commercial tug Curo and was expected to reach port sometime Wednesday.

The 550-foot steel freighter was still taking water but was apparently in no immediate danger as the pumps were in good working order. The Coast Guard cutter Cherokee reached the Steelore tonight. The Cherokee turned the freighter over to the Curo early yesterday afternoon. But the seas remained rough.

The master of the freighter said he was worried about the safety of the freighter and the 41 men aboard.

He said water was pouring in through a three-foot crack in the hull. Later only the freighter's decks were above the water. A Coast Guard spokesman said the Steelore was in low 130 miles southeast of Morehead City at midnight GMT. He estimated that all vessels were making about four knots.—United Press.

PLASTIC LIFEBOATS APPROVED

Amsterdam, Jan. 17.

The Government's Inspector-General of Shipping has approved the use of Dutch-built plastic ships' lifeboats—which are claimed to be unique.

The Ijmuiden firm which has spent a year developing the light, strong and seaworthy plastic craft expects substantial export orders.

Prototypes underwent exhaustive tests inside and outside laboratories. These included resistance to fire and ability to withstand heavy blows such as bumping against a ship's side in heavy seas. One was even sent to West Africa to see how it would react to tropical climates.

Material apart, the lifeboats are designed on conventional lines.—Reuter.

New Ferry, Cheshire, Jan. 17.

Eleven-year-old Roy Johns got excited watching a television programme on air warfare and was found dead in bed next morning.

A coroner told an inquest here today the boy must have had an epileptic attack during the night and buried his face in the bed-clothes or pillow.

A doctor said death was due to suffocating and excitement could have brought on an epileptic attack.

Accidental death was recorded.—China Mail Special.

Aden Council Election Next Year

Aden, Jan. 17.

The Governor of Aden opened the ninth session of the eight-year-old Legislative Council today.

He announced that some unofficial members of the Council will be elected for next year, to increase the popular right to select representatives.

For the first time in Aden's history, a local Arab, aged 36, was nominated as a member of the Governor's Executive Council. He is to take office immediately.

The Governor also announced that the total value of the cotton crop in the Abyan western protectorate last year was £2,500,000.—United Press.

GANGSTERS CAN BUY COPY OF THEIR RECORDS

Sets of fingerprints, too, for the family album.

New York, Jan. 17.

A service for "sentimental" criminals has been opened by New York police department. They will provide criminals with an official copy of their record from their first arrest. Price is one dollar.

And if they want to preserve their fingerprints in a family album, "sentimental" gangsters can buy a set from the police for two dollars.

For this idea, Lieutenant John G. Mullane, of the Bureau of Identification, received an award.—London Express Service.

"Operation Efficiency" certificate to paste in his own family album.

He also received a second certificate, for establishing a master file of all known gang members in New York area.

This information is not for sale.—London Express Service.

Horse Couldn't Sign Own Name

Perth, Jan. 17.

Mr Russell West, a member of the Perth Road Board, received a Christmas Card from a horse.

It was addressed: "To My Benefactor", bore a hoofprint and was inscribed "Yours in Clover, Russell the Horse".

Earlier last year, Mr West successfully opposed a move to have the horse destroyed after it had served the Board's Health Department for many years.

The horse was "pensioned off" to enjoy his last days in leisure on a farm.—China Mail Special.

'Court Turns Mental Somersault'

Nairobi, Jan. 17.

The Appeal Court here was said by the defence counsel today to have turned "a sort of mental somersault" in refusing to allow former Police Reserve Commandant, Derek Searle, to change his plea from "guilty" to "not guilty" on a charge of perjury.

The Appeal Court was packed with settlers and police today when Searle, 38, appealed against his conviction and sentence of four years' imprisonment for giving perjured evidence at the trial of an alleged Mau Mau terrorist, whose death sentence was later quashed.

Mr Clive Salter, QC, argued that the Magistrate, Mr R. Sherrin, should have accepted a plea of not guilty and that the sentence was excessive.

Mr Sherrin had himself suggested initially that Searle should plead not guilty and therefore must have thought there was a defence of the charge. Yet later he refused to allow him to do so.

He claimed that Searle and Inspector George Horsfall — now in Britain awaiting extradition — were "hustled" into court and that the whole case was brought in the most unseemly haste. Searle was arrested, cautioned, charged and brought before the magistrate in court all in 45 minutes. He was "bewildered", Mr Searle said.—China Mail Special.

LINO-CUT PRINTS FOR IKE

Frankfurt, Jan. 17.

President Eisenhower has written to Otto Martin, a 21-year-old German engineer, thanking him for a book of his lino-cut prints which he took to Washington on a recent visit and gave to Vice-President Nixon to forward to the President.

Mr Eisenhower wrote that he was "delighted to have it, and grateful for your thought of me."

Martin won first prize in an American-organised handicraft competition with his lino-cuts of the old town of Gross-Gerau, near here. They necessitated 350 hours of painstaking work.—Reuter.

McCarthy's Victims Not Disloyal

Washington, Jan. 17.

The American State Department has found that none of eight employees attacked by Communist - hunting Senator Joseph McCarthy is a Communist or "disloyal to our Government," Senator Colin Johnston (Democrat, South Carolina), said today.

Senator Johnson said that in response to his inquiries the State Department had verified a Senate sub-committee's earlier report that Senator McCarthy's charges against these people were false.

The sub-committee, headed by Democratic Senator Millard Tydings, accused Senator McCarthy, who is a Republican.—Reuter.

NELSON'S COLUMN WAS MARKED FOR BERLIN

Berlin, Jan. 17.

The Nazis planned to move Admiral Nelson's column from London's Trafalgar Square to Berlin after they conquered Britain as "an impressive sign of German victory," an East German publication said today.

The Nazis also planned to occupy Ireland, the publication added.

SS DOCUMENTS

The publication, the English-language "German Democratic Report," said this was revealed by SS documents found in Nazi archives, presumably by the Communists in East Berlin.

The report said that a document on the occupation of Britain prepared by an SS officer named Seibel called for the looting of British museums and art galleries.

Oxford, Cambridge, Eton, Harrow and other famous universities and schools were to be taken over by the invaders as "they are excellently fitting for the accommodation of SS troops. They have large playing fields, dormitories and social rooms and are well situated."

"Ireland also must be occupied under all circumstances," the Nazi document was quoted as saying. "The shortest distance separating England and Ireland is 20 kilometres (12 miles). Many Englishmen, therefore, will attempt to escape in motor boats."

Discussing the Nelson monument, the document said:

"There is no symbol of British victory in the world war such as the French memorial near Compiegne. However, since the Battle of Trafalgar the Trafalgar column has been a symbol of British sea and world domination. It would be an impressive sign of German victory if the Trafalgar column were to be transferred to Berlin. This might be suggested to Goering."—United Press.

Princess Alice In Jamaica

Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 17.

Princess Alice arrived here today with the Earl of Athlone and was greeted by a 21-gun salute from the cruiser Superb, which also arrived today.

The visit is in connection with the 300th anniversary of Jamaica's becoming British.

Today's reception for Queen Victoria's grand-daughter was in the nature of a dress rehearsal for the arrival here on January 19 of Princess Margaret, great great granddaughter of Queen Victoria. The Jamaica Battalion provided the Guard of Honour.—China Mail Special.

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SUSPICION EATS AT A NATION

RENE MacCOLL'S SOUTH AFRICA SEARCHLIGHT

Johannesburg.

TONIGHT I propose to write for you a *two-fold* piece about this strange country of South Africa. It is a country of beauty and wonderful climate and basically friendly people.

Few lands have been so blessed with natural riches. Dig a bit below the South African surface and you come upon nearly all the things that mankind most ardently covets—from diamonds to coal and from gold to uranium.

But by a supreme paradox the men and women of this lucky land are not as happy as they should be. The old tag about every prospect pleasing and only you-know-who being vile applies with force.

I think perhaps hatred is too strong a word for what ails South Africa. The racial malaise that grips them here is more like suspicion. Suspicion generously seasoned with fear.

Fear Blacks

THE whites (English-speaking as well as Afrikaner Nationalists) fear the blacks.

But this fear scarcely excuses the recent episode of the three white South Africans who kicked to death at a bus stop an African youth because they thought "the way he put on his gloves seemed rude" (they received derisory gaol sentences).

And anyone not a South African might well be taken aback at the report appearing in the papers here about a respectable and well-dressed African who started premature childbirth in a Capetown bar.

The white bus driver stopped the white drivers of eight passing cars and begged them to take the woman to the nearby house of a friend. All refused.

Twelve white women were among the passengers in the bus. None would help.

And of course the two lots of whites, English-speaking and Afrikaner, are intensely suspicious of each other. Sometimes this suspicion takes harsh and ugly forms. English-speaking South Africans find that they no longer get a fair deal in the Civil Service.

And if an English-speaking South African unthinkingly talks about going "home," meaning that he is going to London, he is apt to be denounced as a "jingo."

Two-fold Story

AND so, against that background, here is my two-fold story: the story of uranium; and the story of the children.

They belong together. For one tells of the great possibilities for the new South Africa; and the other tells of intolerance.

URANIUM: South Africa has soared into production with a headlong rush. The building of the first U-plants started as recently as 1951. Today South Africa has 25 of them planned and seven are going concerns.

THE CHILDREN: Until Doctor Henrik Verwoerd (pronounced *Favoord*), Strydom's "king-maker" and the fanatic Minister for Native Affairs, steered through the South African Parliament last year his Bantu (African tribes) Education Act, well over a million African children were being schooled by the foreign missions.

Then Verwoerd spoke. He gave the missions these choices:—

1 Hand over your schools to the Government, lock, stock, and blackboard.

2 Take a 25 percent cut in the Government's school subsidies totalling £6,500,000 a year.

3 Close down the schools.

Now listen to Verwoerd as he explains matters in Parliament.

"By blindly producing pupils trained on a European model, the vain hope was created among the natives (by the missionaries) that they, the natives, could occupy posts within the European community, despite this country's policy of Apartheid. . . . The Bantu must be guided to serve his own community in all respects. There is no place for him in the European Community above the level of certain forms of labour."

URANIUM: It is being produced in surging quantity. In two or three years, experts say, £70,000,000 to £80,000,000 worth a year will be spilling forth.

THE CHILDREN: The Anglican Church missions have accepted the Verwoerd gauntlet. (The Roman Catholics will try to carry on, even with the subsidy cut. The Methodists say they will hand over their schools to the Government).

A Toughie

THAT means that Anglican schools, educating around 350,000 children in primary and secondary schools, will close.

Verwoerd is a toughie. He has said that if any missionary says anything which in his — Verwoerd's — opinion is contrary to Government policy, then that mission's schools may be closed right down.

And things are reaching such a pitch that when the Anglican Community of the Resurrection held its prize-giving not long since Father Trevor Huddleston, its head, found C.I.D. men were ensconced behind the oleander bushes quietly taking notes of the speeches.

URANIUM: How does South Africa stand in relation to the other U-producing countries? Says C. S. McLean, one of South Africa's foremost experts: "I believe there is every reason for confidence that in the not too distant future South Africa will be a major world producer."

Such an achievement may mean the difference between life and death for millions of us. And I am not talking about bombs.

Infringement

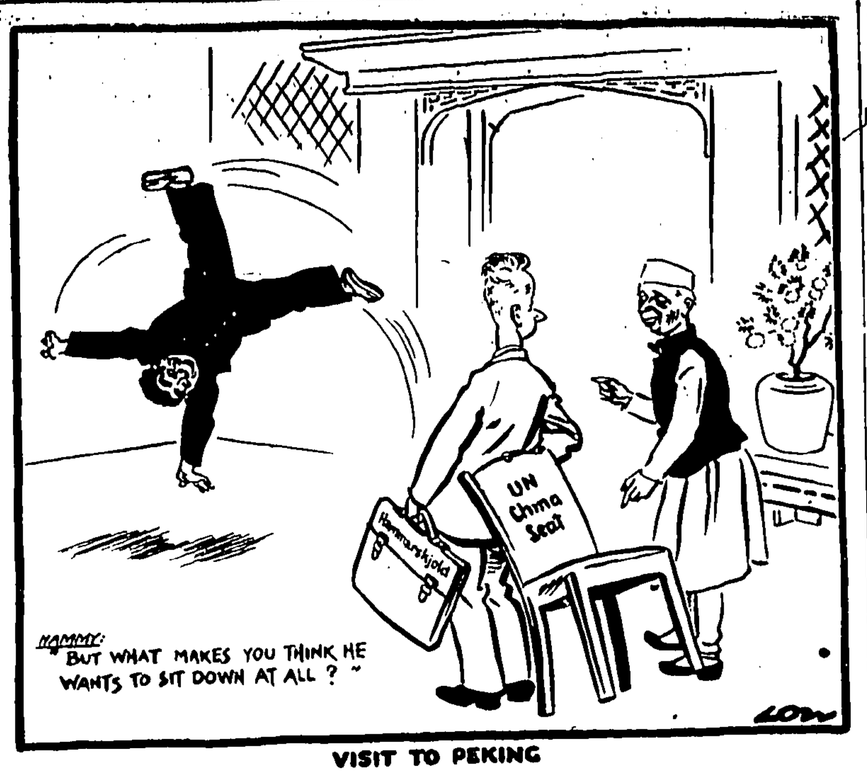
I mean the tremendous part that uranium will play in the development of happy, peaceful lives.

THE CHILDREN: And here is the Bishop of Johannesburg speaking:—

"This (the Bantu Education Act) raises grave issues of conscience for any churchman, because we are bound to ask when the point has been reached when the Church must decide that it can no longer be a party in assisting the carrying out of any particular policy which it is convinced is a serious infringement upon human rights."

So there you are. In the South Africa of today, the rich and should-be-happy land, you have both uranium — and Dr Verwoerd.

Uranium, which can mean so much to all of us. And the good doctor, whose outlook on life helps to condition otherwise decent people who do not stop to help a woman in her moment of greatest need.



VISIT TO PEKING

Something Has Gone Wrong

Science speaks with two voices, and folk-lore lets us down, says RONALD DUNCAN

SURELY, something has gone wrong with the weather: fishermen are puzzled, farmers are completely bewildered. Nowadays neither are able to tell if it is going to blow or snow. Signs and portents which they have relied upon for centuries are letting them down now.

A few days ago a herring fisherman at Clovelly complained to me that the bunch of seaweed hanging above his front door was limp when it ought to be brittle.

"For ten years," he said, pulling it down and slinging it on to the rubbish heap in his garden, "I've been able to rely on that bit of seaweed, and used to put to sea when it told me and tie up when it warned me. But nowadays the weather is so damned difficult not even a seagull knows what it's going to do next—as for a mere man, he can't rely on his corns no more, and might just as well go and listen to the BBC."

A coxswain of a lifeboat farther up the coast stood in his oilskins glaring at the downpour.

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"It ought to be dry," he said, "yesterday the glass was up and Lundy Island was plainly visible on the horizon. But as you see, it's raining cats and dogs. In the good old days, we knew.

'Lundy high means dry,
Lundy low means snow,'

but today you can even see the lighthouse over there on the island, and yet it does nothing but rain and rain."

Farmers are equally perplexed. Though the mountain ash trees in the woods were a blaze of red berries in the autumn—a sure sign of a hard winter in normal times—this season proved so mild that cows were still lying out by the end of December, and crops of marrow-stem kale had not been touched by a single frost.

The West Country had a wet summer, a wetter autumn, and the wettest winter. They can't get their winter ploughing done. No wheat is sown, they complain that their land is only fit for crops of rice.

The trouble is not only local. The weather is proving capricious all over the world. There have been unusual typhoons in the United States, and prolonged monsoons in India. Table Mountain had snow in May, and last winter's freeze-up was so severe that olive oil in Portugal froze solid in the barrel.

In Europe, last August was the wettest month ever recorded. We've had both floods and droughts, cyclones and hurricanes. And what the weather has changed it has not improved but merely shifted from one uncomfortable extremity to another.

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Naturally some people are blaming the Atom Bomb, and more are half convinced that the H Bomb had something to do with it. However, the experts deride such notions.

They admit that the weather has been extreme, but will not commit themselves to looking for any extraneous reason. Also, they remind you that when electricity was invented, it was blamed for some time.

To those arguments, farmers and fishermen have some logic behind them when they reply that the scientists can't have it both ways.

For, on the one hand, the experts claim that the atom can and will change the climate by diverting cold currents, and even succeed in melting Greenland's ice cap; yet on the other hand they maintain that indiscriminate explosions have not affected the weather in the slightest.

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Nevertheless, it seems that the scientists are not quite so confident as they pretend to be. Fifteen nations belonging to the World Meteorological Organisation have already started research into the effect of atomic explosions on the weather. Their findings are not yet known. It is questionable whether they ever will be. But whatever these may prove to be, one farmer who lives near me has already delivered his verdict.

"Though they may say that these atoms don't affect the weather," he snorts, "they won't convince me that the explosions don't annoy the gods. And that's why we get this 'ere rain."

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IN TODAY'S GERMANY

IT'S GETTING LIKE OLD TIMES AGAIN

By SELTON DELMER

YES, it is getting more and more like old times in Germany again.

The police are once more at their old game of shooting suspects at sight. Political demonstrators are hurling beer mugs at speakers they dislike and breaking up meetings.

In the Berlin Sportspalast, where I first heard Hitler address a meeting, jackbooted youths of the "German Party" beat up interrupters, and shouted "Death to the Jewish swine. . . . To the gas chambers with them."

And there would be more trouble still if the Government had not passed the word to the chiefs of the former S.S. men's union and other ex-Servicemen's organisations to lie low for the present.

"Don't do anything," is the gist of the message passed to them, "which might cause a bad impression abroad and stop the ratification of the Paris agreement."—The Paris agreement to rearm Germany.

Double role

THE increasing assumption by the German police of the additional roles of judge and executioner, in the best Hitler-Himmler style, is done with the full approval of the German Government.

Dr Fritz Arndt, an unusually courageous Socialist Deputy of the Bonn Parliament, has learned this to his cost. Dr Arndt protested to Dr Franz Meyers, Minister of Justice in the region of North Rhine, Westphalia, against what he considered a particularly callous and uncalled for bit of shooting by the police in which a woman was killed because her husband, driving his fast car down the autobahn, had failed to obey a police signal to stop.

Arndt said he wanted to have the constable prosecuted.

Dr Meyer, a former member of the S.S. Cavalry Corps, at once rallied to the constable's defence. He said that he would have Arndt prosecuted for "obstructing the police in the execution of their duties." He also laid a charge of manslaughter against the husband of the woman, accusing him of being responsible for her death through having failed to observe the police order, and thus causing the constable to fire.

For full measure, Dr Meyers declared that the policeman in shooting at the car was carrying out orders given by himself in his capacity as Minister of Justice.

His orders

ONLY a day before the shooting, said Dr Meyers, he had informed the public in a radio broadcast that in order to stop hold-ups by armed bandits on the motor roads he had ordered the police to open fire on any car trying to evade police control.

When I was in Berlin, an alleged burglar was shot dead by the police. He was trying to make his getaway from the house he had broken into—so, at least, the constable who did the shooting claimed.

Another police patrol on the motor-road near Cologne shot and killed the driver of an allegedly stolen saloon car because he failed to stop for their signals.

The police are satisfied that these two dead men were criminals. Apparently as far as the German authorities are concerned that makes their killing quite satisfactory and in order.

I attach importance to these shootings for two reasons:—

1 Because shooting by police of innocent citizens was the order of the day in the period immediately preceding Hitler and, of course, through the Third Reich.

2 Because they are a valuable pointer to what comes over Germans when you arm them. These German policemen were the first Germans to be rearmed by us.

'Respect'

WHEN I first visited the defeated Germany in 1945 we had a large number of British police officers out there organising the German police force on British lines, teaching them, as we hoped, respect for the rule of law and the rights of the individual.

Like British police, Germans at this time were not allowed to carry firearms. Weapons were only issued on special occasions and for special purposes.

The result was that between 1945 and 1950 the German police used firearms about as frequently as their opposite numbers in Britain.

Then, in 1950, we handed Germany back to the German authorities. Almost the first thing they did was to ask permission to rearm the police. The allies—with criminal irresponsibility, I hold—agreed.

A victim

THE German authorities promptly restored the old Prussian police ordinance which had been in force all through the reign of Hitler and Himmler. This ordinance allows police to fire at a criminal caught red-handed if he tries to get away.

Way back in the earliest thirties I remember a policeman in Berlin shooting a bather who was splashing around in a canal where bathing had defied the policeman's order to come out and have his name taken.

This happened before Hitler took power. But I always regard that bather as a victim of Hitler. For the lawlessness and ruthless contempt for the rights and life of the individual citizen that lies behind his death—and that of the woman passenger on the autobahn—is the essential spirit of Nazism.

For the ordinary German, rearmament has only one meaning, and that goes for both those who supported Hitler and those who were against him.

This is that it puts on top in Germany once more the same powers, the same forces, and the same spirit that were on top under Hitler.

Already Germans are beginning to feel the fear of the new men rearmament is bringing back to rule over them.

Patronising

AS for the Nazis themselves they are openly patronising. "You were on the wrong side during the war," is the specious argument they put forward again and again to British and Americans.

"We were defending the world against Bolshevism, and you stabbed us in the back."

But there are still plenty of Germans today who fear and oppose rearmament. Among them are the trades unions and millions of workers organised in them; among them are the young men who are faced with conscription.

It certainly will not be a 100 percent enthusiastic Germany that is rearmed by us to defend the West, or, as the German leaders hope, to conquer the East.

BLOCKADE IN THE DESERT

By James Wickenden

IF the newly appointed tribunal settles the Buraimi Oasis dispute it will end one of the oddest blockades in history.

For nearly two years the Emir Turki bin Abdullah Altacher (The Thirsty) and his band of forty thieves from Saudi Arabia have lived on eighty bags of rice. No one can understand it. He and his men have been cut off from base camp by 600 miles of desert patrolled by the RAF.

Even the backyard of his mud house is under watch through powerful glasses from the lattice windows of nearby Fort Zaid. But still Turki holds out, claiming the village of Hamasa for Arabia.

The lone British officer in charge of the fort sits in Arab dress on Persian carpets, served by silent, unshaved Buraimis, to dispute the claim.

The British say Hamasa belongs to the Sultan of Muscat, whom they protect under agreements with chiefs controlling the oil-bubbling wealth of the Persian Gulf coast.

There is also oil beneath the eight villages of the 6,000 Bedouins of Buraimi. This is the reason for Turki's "invasion" and the handing out of Saudi Arabian passports to local Bedouins.

Turki's supplies have been cut by air patrols, which report every camel and truck to the Operations Room at Sharjah. Levies, directed from Fort Zaid, intercept night-time supply convoys to Hamasa. Occasionally there are shots "fired for no reason," according to Arabia.

The only possible supply route to Turki may be an 800-year-old Persian built water course. It runs underground from the oasis to each of the surrounding villages. Similar tunnels in the Middle East and the Northwest Frontier of India are big enough for a horse and rider.

DO YOUNG MOTHERS 'KNOW' TOO MUCH?

by CHAPMAN PINCHER

WHEN a baby cries incessantly the cause is most likely to be a mother with too many "modern" notions about mothercraft.

That is the belief of Professor Ronald Illingworth, a leading child-specialist, who gives the results of a study of crying in a medical report today.

Hunger due to "scientific" feeding schedules is the commonest cause of crying among young babies, the 45-year-old professor claims.

"Many babies are caused to cry from hunger because the doctor, nurse, or mother is so obsessed with the fear of overfeeding that the baby is half-starved," he reports.

Professor Illingworth, who is married to another child-health specialist and has three children, is convinced that it is entirely wrong to teach that babies should be fed strictly by the clock however much they cry.

"There is nothing to support those who advocate leaving a baby to cry so that he will learn he cannot have it all his own way," he writes.

For this reason he also condemns the refusal of some modern mothers to feed their babies when they cry at night, or pick them up to comfort them during the day. Leaving a child to "cry it out" will do far more harm than cuddling it, he believes.

A WEAPON

FROM his wide experience he is satisfied that most babies *do not* develop the habit of constantly crying to be picked up once they find their mothers are willing to oblige them. He points out that next to hunger the commonest causes of crying are loneliness and boredom.

"Many babies are left crying for hours in a pram with only a brick wall to see," he states in the British Medical Journal. "They are perfectly content in a pram in the kitchen where they can see mother working."

Even the best-behaved babies sometimes use crying as a weapon to get their own way. You can usually tell a "tryout" howl, because there are no tears at first, though failure to attract attention soon leads to a full flood.

This test does not work with babies less than a month old because few of them can produce tears at all. Professor Illingworth had even analysed the precise process of crying, which seems to be controlled by a special centre in the brain.

After a slight flushing of the face and a trembling of the lower lip the "grief muscles" contract, causing upright wrinkles on the forehead. The lower lip pouts, the corners of the upper lip are drawn down, and the mouth opens to a square shape. The tongue then hollows and trembles. Tears appear and the eyelids close as tension in the eyeballs increases.

MASS ACTIVITY

PRESSURE falls in the chest, which leads to uncontrollable sobbing if the crying about increases.

Babies are also stricken with "mass activity" — a violent movement of the arms, legs, and back. A vestige of this infantile display shows up when we stamp our feet or grind our teeth in rage.

After close study of my own children's crying I endorse most of Professor Illingworth's advice. I also endorse their mother's reaction when her patience runs out and she leaves them to get on with it.

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

This Type Bid Is Hard to Explain

By OSWALD JACOBY

GOODNESS only knows why Billy Rosen, youthful Chicago member of the world championship bridge team, decided to open the bidding in the hand shown today. The South hand certainly isn't an orthodox opening bid, and it would seem perfectly normal to pass the hand and still get to the very good final contract of five diamonds.

The truth is that Billy did bid the hand and that he did get to the best contract. At the other table in the national team championships last year, a member of the opposing team climbed all the way up to six spades on the North-South cards. The play was even stranger than the bidding, for that enterprising North player found a way to go down five.

Let's return from the rarefied atmosphere of slams that go down five tricks and see how Rosen played his normal contract of five diamonds. West

	NORTH	27
	♠ K 7 6 5 2	
	♥ None	
	♦ A 10 5	
	♣ A K 9 6 5	
WEST		EAST
♠ J 8		♠ Q 10 9 3
♥ A Q J 10 5		♥ 7 4 2
♦ Q 6 4		♦ J 9
♣ Q 8 2		♣ J 10 4 3
	SOUTH (D)	
	♠ A 4	
	♥ K 9 8 6 3	
	♦ K 8 7 3 2	
	♣ 7	

North-South vul.

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead—♦ 4

very shrewdly decided to lead a trump, risking the loss of his trump trick.

Fortunately for West, his partner had good supporting trumps, and the lead cost nothing. Rosen won in his own hand with the king of diamonds.

It isn't easy to find the right play for 11 tricks. It's one of those shapeless hands in which you must proceed in a general direction rather than with a definite idea of why you make each play.

At the second trick, Rosen led a club to the ace and then ruffed a club. He next cashed the ace and king of spades and ruffed another club. Then he led a diamond to the ace and led the king of clubs, discarding a heart from his hand.

West didn't want to ruff with the queen of diamonds since he would then have to lead hearts up to declarer's king. When West discarded, Rosen continued with dummy's last club, discarding another heart. West discarded again, for the same reason.

Rosen now ruffed a spade, and West had to overruff. Otherwise South would have had 10 tricks, with an obvious heart ruff to furnish his eleventh.

Unfortunately for West, he now had to lead hearts. If he led the ace, dummy could ruff; and if he led a low heart, dummy could discard. Either way, the defenders could get only one further trick, and Rosen made his contract.

CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1 Diamond	Double	?	

You, South, hold: Spades 9-8-6-3, Hearts 7-5-4-2, Diamond 4, Clubs 9-6-5-2. What do you do?

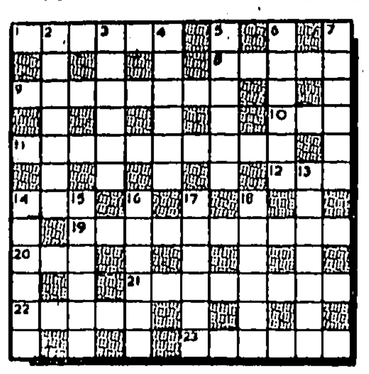
A—Pass. Your hand is a nightmare and you don't even have support for your partner's suit. Nevertheless you have no reason to expect that you'd be better off in any other suit, and you must hope that West will respond to the double instead of passing for penalties.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-6-3, Hearts Q-5-4, Diamonds Q-4, Clubs 9-6-5-3-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CROSSWORD

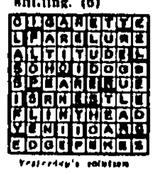


Across.

1. Rival of Rangers. (8)
5. Officer commanding an unpleasant dog. (5)
9. Tries to please with undue praise. (6)
10. Glad in the sun always. (3)
11. Is this the lighting at the seance? (6, 4)
12. The eyes have this—and the ayes. (3)
14. It has a wedding at a concert. (9)
19. There's a lot of use made of these when everything stops. (3, 7)
20. This may make you quiver slightly. (6)
21. Poor pals may get "No" as an answer to this. (8)
22. If this describes you, people may call you "Fatty." (5)
23. East in a hurry is followed by a flower. (6)

Down.

2. Else a lip's inside. (7)
3. Trouts get around. (6)
4. Waves share these with peers. (6)
5. This describes—with a number — every district in London. (6)
6. You do this to the chair you're in now. (6)
7. Snooker addicts like good ones. (6)
13. Lift, but not the 14 down variety. (7)
14. Press if you want a trip up (6)
15. There's a touch of the acid about this man's work. (6)
16. Hen swallows a page then another. (6)
17. Wheedle. (6)
18. One penny, one Order of Merit, and a shilling. (6)



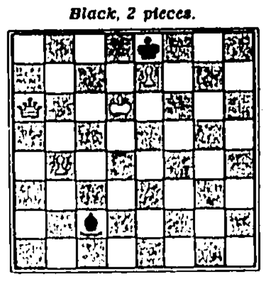
Yesterday's solution

"Hello, Mr Marshall—Joan in?"

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. CHERON

Black, 2 pieces.



White, 4 pieces.

White to play: mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1, B—B1, any; 2, Q, or Kt mates.

DUMB-BELLS

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

BORN today you have a sharp intellect and a strong mind. You are methodical in all that you undertake and will work hard to achieve your goal. You will probably know early in life what you want to do and will go after it without delay. You are versatile and have a number of talents which might be developed. Your handicap is the danger that you will scatter your energies too widely.

You have the power of persuasive argument and would make a fine defence attorney, politician or public lecturer. You have considerable personal magnetism, which wins friends and influences people. Any one of such positive attributes as you have is bound to make enemies, too, but even those who do not agree with you admit your talent and strength.

You emotions are near the top and you are kindly and sympathetic with all those who need help and advice. You have courage, yourself and seem able to impart inspiration and enthusiasm to others. You have many qualifications of the natural leader. You like to believe that you have a good business head but, actually, you are a little too adventuresome for your own best interests. It would be wiser for you to go into partnership in business rather than to try and run things alone. You can be the promoter. Let someone else be the financial manager!

Among those who were born on this date are: A. A. Milne, author, Daniel Webster, statesman; Seth Low, educator; and Walter Satterlee, artist.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guard.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Better not postpone an important business matter for pleasure, no matter what the provocation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Moods will do no one any good! Keep a positive attitude and you will come through the day okay.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Investigate any proposition which is offered to you very carefully before you decide to act.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—All is not gold that glitters so beware a stranger who offers too glittering an opportunity now.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—You may find that an evening of quiet music at home will let down tensions and be relaxing.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—You may need to replenish your wardrobe. This could be a good day to do some shopping.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Following a strict plan of procedure will help you to utilise normal routine to good advantage.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Not the day to combine business and pleasure. Keep business and social events in separate compartments.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Be careful of business detail. Make sure that all your figuring has been done accurately.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Be positive that you receive good value for all money spent. This is especially apt today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—It is possible to plan too far ahead! If this happens to you, be able to adapt yourself to changes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Worry never helped anything but positive action may. If you can't do anything, at least don't worry!

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

THE Society for Cultural Relations with Inner and Outer Mongolia, of which Mrs Wretch is an active member, has passed a resolution deploring her inability to disentangle herself from her old circus colleagues.

Said Mr Batfield-Hargreaves: "Yesterday an individual known as Ludovic the Terrible threw porridge about the hall. This is hardly the British Way of life, of which we talk so much. If our valued member accepts the invitation to dance the polka with an ape when the circus visits Hapborough, we shall be the laughing-stock of both Inner and Outer Mongolia." Mrs Wretch has, I believe, assured the society that there is no question of this ridiculous polka. Nor is it true that she has consented to intercept in her mouth fish thrown to the seal Benskin II.

Wugwell is persistent

WUGWELL himself, the proprietor of the circus, is most persistent, and annoys Colonel Wretch by referring to him as Zaboula's worse half, or as "that loathsome warrior." Wugwell said yesterday: "If ever I settle down in a posh house like his, and his old woman comes to ask me for a job, I shan't be up-stage like this frozen icicle. I shall receive her with open arms, give her the whole Plantagenet wing and the run of the stables, and a second portion of any dish she fancies at mealtimes. Why should he be ashamed because she once rode two horses, one foot on the back of each? It's more than he ever did in the Hussars."

In passing

ONE good turn deserves another, as the sea-bird said in the mating season. Tears welled unbidden to my eyes as I read a tale of enterprise and derring-do. Two years ago our vigilant officials, ever in search of delicacies for the nation's table, bought more than 1,000 tons of what is described as processed, condensed, and powdered milk from Holland and Denmark. The delicious beverage, having lost its bloom and being what is called unsaleable, has been sold at half-price to lucky foreigners—with the Dutch and Danish labels still on the appetising tins. "Sales-resistance" is reported. The Society for the Prevention of Real Food refuses to comment.

Mraginal note

IT will be a pretty sight in the smokeless age to see the children gathered round the Olde Yule Electrycke Logge, and it will be bliss to hear them singing the up-to-date version of that carol which tells how on St Stephen's Day a poor man had to waste man-hours in gathering winter fuel.

Target — THE NEW WORD GAME

I	H	E
A	K	R
T	C	O

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on left? In making each word, the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word *must* contain the large letter in the centre square, and there *must* be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no proper names; no foreign words.

TODAY'S TARGET: 35 words. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: Devise diet digest DIGESTIVE digit dive divest deist edge edit dived sedge teed side tieved sited steed tide tied vested vied visited.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Song Without Words

— Hanid Hears the Sounds of Life Around Her —

By MAX TRELL

HANID, the shadow-girl with the turned-about name, stood in the middle of the room for several minutes without moving. All she did was to listen.

Song Without Words

What she was listening to was a song. It was a song without words. But it was a song just the same, for it reminded Hanid of babbling brooks and whispering leaves and whistling wind and buzzing bees and humming dragon flies and all the hundred-and-one sounds that you hear in the course of the day.

And she also heard (in this same song, of course) the tinkling of bells, the creaking of doors, the sizzling of tea kettles, and the clinking of knives and forks and spoons in a pantry drawer.

All these sounds were in the song that Hanid was listening to.

The song was sung by Canary! Canary stood in his cage that hung in the sunny window. He stretched out his neck and warbled and thrilled.

Hanid walked up to the cage. "How beautifully you sing, Canary!" said Hanid.

Canary finished his song, hopped on his perch and bowed politely. "Thank you very much, my dear," he said. "I like everyone to like my singing. It makes me very happy."

"Did you ever take singing lessons?" Hanid asked him.

"I did indeed," said Canary. "Oh," said Hanid.

A Professional Singer

"Yes," said Canary, "I took singing lessons from lots of wonderful teachers. My first teacher was a teakettle."

Hanid raised her eyebrows in astonishment. "Did you say your first singing teacher was a teakettle?"

"An aluminium teakettle," said the Canary. "When he stood on the stove full of bubbling water, he could sing the most beautiful lullabies you can imagine. My next teacher was a factory whistle."

"All a factory whistle can do is blow," said Hanid.

"Ah, my dear, but HOW it can blow! When a factory whistle blows for lunch time, everyone looks up and listens. I never learned how to sing out a note as loud and as clear as the factory whistle blew out its note....but I learned as best I could."

Here Canary sang out a single, loud, shrill note. It sounded like a very small factory whistle.

"And then," said Canary, "I took lessons from the shower in the bathroom. The shower sings a splashing-plashing-gushing - rushing - pittering - pattering sound. I never learned to sing as well as the shower did but if you listen very carefully...." Here the Canary sang again...."You'll hear the same kind of splashing-plashing-gushing - rushing - pittering - pattering notes."

"That's right," said Hanid. "I did hear them."

"And who were the rest of your teachers?"

Canary mentioned them very quickly one after the other. "They were the wind, the leaves, the brook, the bees, the door, the plates, the knives and forks and spoons, and....let me think now—there was one more teacher that I had. Now who was it? Here, I'll sing the sound this teacher made. Perhaps you can tell me who it is."

Song of Happiness

Then Canary hopped on his perch again, stretched out its neck and sang some notes.

Hanid broke into a smile as she listened. "It sounds like someone laughing," she said.

"Yes! Yes. Now I remember! It is someone laughing. That someone is YOU!"

Canary explains to Hanid his sources of inspiration.

Rupert and the Magic Ball—23

Rupert watches his pal limping away. "Are you sure you can get along?" he calls. "Doesn't your ankle hurt too much?" "No, it's getting better already, though I can't run," Bill replies, going as fast as he is able. The little bear looks at him with some anxiety until a shrill noise on the other side of him makes him turn. To his astonishment the ball has begun moving again and is carrying on its long, slow bounds as if inviting him to follow.

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WOMANSENSE

TAILORED TWEED ENSEMBLE

A Benham Original

By ALICE ALDEN

FINE tweed is very popular this season. Perfect for town wear is this gracious tweed ensemble, beautifully tailored and detailed. The cavalier jacket is twenty-four inches long and sets easily at the hipline with tab treatment to simulate pockets and back belt. It is fitted only slightly in the body. The dress offers tweed in a new form, made up into a sheath that is touched at the interesting neckline with a dash of velvet to match the jacket collar.

Apricots Good Cake Top

New York.

Fruit cake is good with a frosting, with hot lemon sauce, or try apricot glaze. Combine 2 teaspoons of apricot preserve (or peach) with 1 teaspoon of water in a small saucepan. Heat over low flame just to the boiling point, stirring constantly. Spread on cake. This recipe makes enough for a small fruit cake.—United Press.

Be bold!

Think of the meal table as something to be dressed and then use the taste and judgment you display when choosing your clothes.

If you brighten a plain dress with a contrasting belt and gloves, why not do the same with your cooking?

Calling All Women With A Man About The House

A GOOD COOK USES HER IMAGINATION

By PAMELA RICHARD

THERE is much more to being a good cook than just *cooking*. You must, for instance, cater for a man's *eyes* as well as his tummy.

There's a scientific reason for this. The pleasures of taste depend a lot on sight and smell. You can prove it, like this:—

Blindfold your husband, pinch his nose (if he'll let you), and then give him a mixed dish. It will probably be quite a while before he can identify its ingredients by taste alone.

A pleasant *looking* meal is important for digestion too, because the sight of it stimulates the gastric juices.

Too many women deprive their men of half the joy of eating because they don't use their imagination ... they don't *visualise* a meal as they plan it.

Colour, for example. Are you ever guilty of serving an all-white meal? Be honest now—something like steamed fish, potatoes, and cauliflower? Perhaps on a white plate too?

No doubt it is excellently cooked. But how much more attractive it can be if you add a slice of lemon to the fish, a sprinkle of parsley to the potatoes, or serve a colourful tomato or prawn sauce.

Be bold!

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If you brighten a plain dress with a contrasting belt and gloves, why not do the same with your cooking?

Let's have no more anaemic meals and all-brown efforts (oxtail soup, stewed steak, and chocolate blancmange). Be bold, be imaginative, be gay.

And vary the textures of the food too. Serve a clear soup if the main course is substantial and a thick one with a light main dish.

Avoid having the same kind of food twice at the same meal—such as steak and kidney pie followed by apple tart. Ring the changes. Flit from the sober to the frivolous, from roast beef to iced melon.

But don't stop at that. What about the crockery, cutlery, table linen? They matter, too.

It is no good planning and cooking an out of the ordinary meal and then sitting down to eat it in the kitchen with the sink full of dirty pans.

Be clever!

Use your imagination again in laying the table, whether it is in a dining-room or a bedsitter. If your plates are white why not have a gay red-and-white check cloth and napkins to match?

Don't keep those lace dinner mats for special twice-a-year occasions. Bring them out.

Set your table to match your meal: if it is "country" food use coloured linen. If it is a delicate and expensive dish use your best damask.

Give the silver an extra rub and polish the glasses. And don't forget the flowers. You needn't spend a fortune—a bunch of violets will give you all the colour you need.

In fact, the smaller the flowers the better, because HE can see you across the table—YOU who have remembered to take off your apron and powder your nose.

Now ... COOK the Gay way

HERE is a colourful meal to start you off in cooking the gay way. It is called: Tournedos a la bouquetiere aux pommes de terres souffleés (steak with mixed vegetables and "fluffy" potatoes).

Bouquetiere is a flower girl and the dish is so named because the meat is garnished with heaps of bright vegetables resembling a nosegay.

For two you need: 2 fillet steaks; butter; seasoning; as many fresh vegetables as possible—carrots, peas beans, turnip, cauliflower—potatoes; oil.

Season and fry the steaks in butter and place in the centre of a hot dish. Surround with little heaps of the vegetables cut small. Pour on the sauce from the frying pan and put a lump of parsley butter on each steak.

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To cook the potatoes peel and cut in square slices ¼in. thick, keeping them the same size. Put in a chip basket in moderately hot oil and gradually heat it up.

When the potatoes are cooked and rise to the surface, take out and drain while rapidly bringing the oil to the boil.

Replace the potatoes for a few minutes until the outsides are brown and puffy. Drain salt, and serve. The outsides should be crisp, the middles fluffy.

Household Hint

Rubber boots will last longer and keep their shape better if the insides are propped up with cardboard when the boots are not in use.

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To Meet The Tyson Threat

AUSTRALIAN CRICKET IS LEAPING TO PANIC STATIONS

By FRANK ROSTRON

Sydney.

Australian cricket is leaping to panic stations with the proposal that the team for the next Test should be specially trained against fast bowlers to meet the Tyson threat.

The plan is for the Fourth Test team to assemble in Adelaide several days ahead of the scheduled start on January 28, and for the batsmen to face a continuous fast attack in the nets each day.

The speed bowlers to be included in this practice squad would be Drennan (South Australia), Power (Victoria), and Crawford and Fisher (New South Wales).

How are the mighty fallen. Only on the last tour of Australia were England's bowlers throwing the ball at batsmen like baseball pitchers in a frenzied effort to accustom them to Lindwall and Miller's speed.

Now it seems that except for his opening overs Lindwall is no longer a major threat. This would be even more true if the problem of a satisfactory opening partner for Hutton had been solved.

As it is, May, Cowdrey and Compton have too often had to face a new ball when still comparatively shiny. Even that gave Lindwall no success in the Melbourne Test.

Accordingly, even conservative critics are suggesting Lindwall should be replaced by young Pat Crawford, the Sydney bowler who has declined Lancashire League offers in a bid for a place in the Australian side touring the West Indies in the spring.

MAJOR WORRY

Australia's major worry is that of captaincy.

Ian Johnson stands down from Victoria's tour of Queensland and New South Wales to rest his injured right thigh muscle. Miller, on the other hand, takes his accustomed place as leader of New South Wales.

Here, surely, Australia's selectors have a ready-made answer if they want it. If they confine themselves to urgent cricket requirements the answer is: Miller for captain. — (London Express Service).

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

ANNUAL RACE MEETING

Saturday 15th, Wednesday 19th and Saturday 22nd January, 1955.

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 30 RACES.

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race run at 12 o'clock NOON each day.

The Tiffin interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.) each day.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.00 a.m. each day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.

All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at $10.00 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, each member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Pc. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be $3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of $3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employers' boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Betting Hall.

CASH SWEEPS

Although Through Tickets cannot normally be purchased for each day of a Meeting unless there is an interval of at least five days between each day an exception is being made for the Annual Race Meeting. Through Cash Sweep tickets, therefore, at $20 each per day or $60 for the three days of the Meeting may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices during normal office hours until 10.00 a.m. on each day of the Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 4,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 4,000.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on the day preceding the Race Meeting for which they are reserved will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 4,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from subscription lists without stating reasons for their action.

SPECIAL CASH SWEEP

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 22nd January, 1955, at $2.00 each, may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices.

The sale of these tickets will close on Friday 21st January at:—

382, Nathan Road, Kowloon	at 4.00 p.m.
5, D'Aguilar Street	at 5.00 p.m.
Queen's Building, (Chater Road)	at 6.00 p.m.

TOTALISATOR

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ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,
H. MIBA,
Secretary.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

SPECIAL CASH SWEEP ON THE PEARCE MEMORIAL CUP

Saturday, 22nd January, 1955.

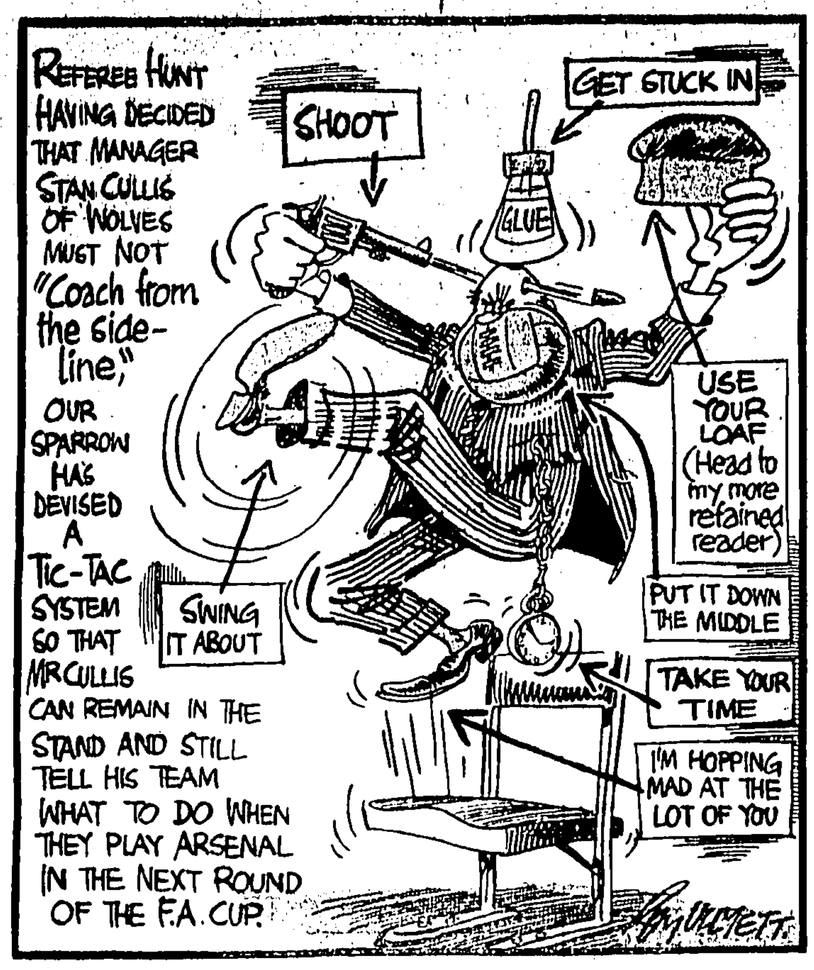
Over 950,000 tickets sold to date.

The Sale of Cash Sweep Tickets on the above will close on Friday, 21st January, as follows:—

382 Nathan Road, Kowloon,	at 4.00 p.m.
5 D'Aguilar Street,	at 5.00 p.m.
Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road,	at 6.00 p.m.

The Draw will be held in the Public Betting Hall at the Race Course, at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 22nd January, 1955.

By Order of the Stewards,
PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO.
Treasurers.



MORRIS, HOLE DROPPED

Melbourne, Jan. 17.

Australia today named the following players to oppose England in the Fourth Test which begins at Adelaide on January 28:

R. Archer, R. Benaud, J. Burke, L. Favell, Neil Harvey, Ian Johnson, Bill Johnston, R. Lindwall, L. Maddocks, K. Miller and Colin McDonald with Alan Davidson as 12th man.

Arthur Morris, Vice Captain, has been dropped together with Graeme Hole.

The two places are filled by Jim Burke, who played in the Second Test at Sydney won by England, and Colin Macdonald.—Reuter.

It's Springbok Rugby By Frenchmen Now

Says JOCK WEMYSS

(Former Scottish International)

Remember the Springboks of 1951? They beat Scotland 44-0 at Murrayfield —and we said: "They're the best ever." Remember the understanding between backs and forwards? We thought that we would never see the like again. Well, the French team, who beat Scotland 15-0 at Paris, are comparable.

It's the best French team I have ever seen. They hit the Scots for six with an amazing variety of speedy, powerful attacks, in which even full back Vannier joined.

The other British countries are going to find it hard to escape defeat, let alone win.

Said joyful French skipper Jean Prat: "We beat Scotland because they do not play the modern forward game."

I do not know if he referred to the fact that Scotland scrummed 3-2-3 — that had nothing to do with Scotland's defeat.

FATAL FAULT

Scotland's fatal fault when the forwards were beaten for the ball in the scrum was that they did not immediately scatter like leaves in an autumn wind and help the backs in defence.

All through the game French scrum-half Dufau, who played brilliantly, was allowed to break unhampered. Time after time when his forwards heeled he was at least four strides away from the scrum before any Scottish forward raised his head.

Dufau either burst through between our halves himself or made certain of the overlap by drawing Docherty. On the few occasions that move was baulked Dufau could always count on the support of his entire pack.

Our forwards lacked the weight, pace and skill of the stronger French pack. They were outplayed, and because of their failure so were the backs.

Kemp was our best forward, and although the others never gave up trying, their efforts did not bother the burly Frenchmen.

Dorward and Docherty were always under severe pressure, but the scrum half got in some useful kicks and Docherty did at least manage one very fine break. It gave Elgie a hard chance but he, alas, dropped the pass.

Grant, like the new cape in the pack, was seldom seen and he could not hold Maurice Prat.

The blunt truth however, is that our midfield backs were outclassed.

SPECTACULAR

All four French tries resulted from spectacular handling movements. The first, which showed what Scotland were up against, was scored after only eight minutes' play by wing threequarter Boniface.

There followed an easy penalty by Vannier and then skipper Jean Prat ran in to complete a sparking movement. This put Scotland down 9-0 at the interval.

If it were possible to make a comparison the tries scored afterwards by front-row forward Domenech and Dufau completed even greater team brilliance.

Scotland's selectors are certainly faced with a very tough problem. We need bigger, stronger, heavier forwards, and the trouble is the few who we have of that type are lacking in dash.

On the other hand, those who have the necessary fire and pace lack the physical power to stand up to the powerful players who seem to abound in all other countries.

—(London Express Service.)

Charles Humez Beats German Champion

Paris, Jan. 17.

France's European Middleweight Boxing Champion, Charles Humez, tonight defeated the German Champion, Hans Stretz, by a knockout in the ninth round of a 10-round non-title fight here.

The Humez-Stretz fight opened in a public uproar — caused by an unpopular verdict given in the previous contest.

Twenty-seven-year-old Stretz took full advantage of his height and long reach to keep his opponent at a respectful distance during the first two rounds.

The German's lefts to the face marked several useful points in the opening stage, but Humez soon replied with a series of right uppercuts.

It was not until the third round that the European Middleweight Champion got into his stride, and at the end of the round he got some good blows to the face and body.

By the end of the fifth round Humez was doing fine and seemed to have mastered the initial disadvantage of Stretz's superior height and reach.

PERFECTLY TIMED

Humez placed a perfectly timed left uppercut to his opponent's chin in the sixth round and Stretz went down for a count of five.

The German went down like a log and he surprised the spectators by rising from the canvas after such a short count.

After a few even engagements, Humez placed another sharp jab with his left to the German's chin and Stretz was down again for another count. This time it was for seven seconds.

In the seventh round, Humez slowed down his tempo and appeared to be taking a short rest. But he came back to the attack in the eighth round with several heavy, if a trifle inaccurately-aimed, blows.

The end came in the ninth round.

Humez got in a real smacker with his left to Stretz's stomach and the German Champion was down for a count of eight.

As soon as he drew himself up to his feet, Humez bored into him again and, once more with his powerful left, smashed at the stomach and Stretz was down and out for the full count.—France-Presse.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Golf
Bronze Championships qualifying round at Fanling.

TOMORROW

Racing
Second Day of Annual Race Meeting.

THURSDAY

Golf
Mitchell Plate final; Ladies' Foursomes (RHKGC) First Round.

Motor Sports
Social Evening of M.S.C., B.A.T. Mess Room 7.45 p.m.

HKFA MEETING

Reduction Of Prices For League Match Tickets Proposed

A proposal by Mr Leslie Channing that the Hongkong Football Association should reduce the prices of tickets for League soccer matches was made at a Management Committee meeting of the HKFA, held at Sports Road yesterday, with Capt. W. A. George in the Chair.

Mr Channing stated that he felt the Council should consider the question of admission prices as he strongly felt the public should be given a "break" and not be charged $2.40 for a "rubbishy" game such as he saw on Saturday when South China played KMB. "Better games can more often than not be seen in the Pool grounds Happy Valley," he stated, adding that the clubs did not need much money, as they were amateurs. They only provided the players with jerseys and footballs.

Mr Channing also proposed that all clubs provide books and accounts within 24 hours after every match. He also called for all clubs' accounts in the last three years. These two matters, which were entered in the minute, will be brought up at the next meeting.

CHAIRMAN CRITICISED

Mr Pat George, another council member, deplored the fact that arrangements for a floodlit exhibition soccer match between the All Hongkong team and the Hongkong Selection team had been made without the consent of the council. "I didn't know a thing about this match until I received a note from the Association saying that it had been cancelled. This really puts people in an embarrasing position," stated Mr George. Mr C. S. Wang, Chairman of the HKFA stated that he had made the arrangements with Flt/Lt. H. A. Hides in order to give the players some practice before meeting the Swiss Grasshoppers. "We know you had good intentions, but you had no authority to arrange such a match. We have a committee to make these sorts of arrangements. The matter should have been brought before it" stated Mr George.

During the discussion on allocation of tickets for the Senior Shield semi-final between Kitchee and South China which takes place on Sunday, Feb. 13, Mr Channing stated that he did not wish to pre-sale tickets. "I find it goes to blackmarketeers rather than to club members," said Mr Channing. Nevertheless, the meeting decided to have pre-sale tickets as it saved a great deal of disorder on the day of the match.

A draw was made as to which Junior Shield semi-final match was to be played on the same day as the Kitchee-South China game. Kitchee and South China Junior teams came out of the bag.

GATE RECEIPTS

Mr C. K. Woo proposed that the 10 per cent of the gate receipts given to the Junior shield semi-final teams be divided between the four Junior teams in the semi-finals, Kitchee, South China, Eastern and Army.

Mr Mok Hing however made a counter proposal to the fact that only the teams participating on the Caroline Hill ground on Sunday, i.e. Kitchee and South China, should split the money two ways. His proposal was rejected. Mr Mok Hing said he reserved the right to protest the decision.

The other senior semi-final match between Club and St Joseph's or Army will be played on Saturday, Feb. 12.

The tentative date for the visit of the Austrian Interport team was fixed at Feb. 16, 19, and 20. The Memorial Cup match scheduled for Feb. 20, was postponed.

The following matches have been postponed due to the Swiss Grasshoppers series.

Kitchee v RAF and KMB v Navy, both scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 23.

Kowloon Godown v KMB, also scheduled for Jan 23, was postponed due to the Chinese New Year celebrations.

Motor Sports Club Social

The social side of the Motor Sports Club's 1955 programme gets under way next Thursday January 20, with a film show and informal social gathering to be held from 7.45 to 11.00 p.m. at the Mess Room of the British American Tobacco Co., Gloucester Road, Hongkong.

Films to be shown will include a new Wakefield (Castrol) racing film ("Mortor Racing 1953") while others will cover the construction and racing of "specials" in the U.S.A., and the bench and field testing of modern production cars. A buffet supper will be available before the film show as usual.

Members are also reminded that a Treasure Hunt will be held on Sunday, January 23, starting at 3.00 p.m. on the Island. A further announcement will appear in these columns shortly.

PAKISTAN 216 FOR TWO AGAINST INDIA

Bahawalpur, Jan. 17.

When the Second Pakistan-India Test entered on its third day here today, Pakistan, by tea time, had carried their overnight 91 for no loss to 216 for two in reply to India's first innings total of 235.

THE SCOREBOARD

India, 1st Innings, 235
Pakistan, 1st Innings

Hanif Mohammad, not out	86
Alimuddin, b. Ghulam Ahmed	64
Waqar Hassan, c. Gupte b. Umrigar	48
Maqsood Ahmed, not out	8
Extras	10
Total (for two wickets)	216

The second wicket fell at 200. —Reuter.

ROY ANKARAH CHARGED WITH ASSAULT

Glasgow, Jan. 17.

An indignant judge told four young girls to get out of his court today when they exchanged friendly signs with three coloured boxers charged with assault.

The three boxers are from the Gold Coast, West Africa, and included the former British Empire Featherweight Champion Roy Ankarah.

Following their arrest here last night, they appeared in court today and the four girls attended the hearing.

The judge suspended the hearing until an additional inquiry had been made.

The three boxers were detained.—France-Presse.

Former Hongkong Boxer Chosen As England Reserve

News has just reached Hongkong, that AB Baxter, the Royal Navy Devonport 1954 Navy Open Light Heavyweight Champion, who was formerly stationed with Tamar in Hongkong, was selected as first reserve for England against Germany, in an amateur international boxing match.

Baxter, who during his stay in the Colony delighted crowds wherever he fought by usually finishing off his opponent inside the distance, left Hongkong early last year.

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HUTTON SAYS

Australian Pitches Have Changed

Adelaide, Jan. 17.

Len Hutton, England's captain, said today that Australian pitches were responsible for the failure of batsmen in the present Test Series.

He said they had changed since his last visit to Australia.

"In trying to grow grass on your wickets, you have definitely done away with the old 'shirt front' turf."

In places there was grass and in others no grass, and that tended to make a difference in the height at which balls came at a batsman, similar balls came through at different heights.

That made it harder for batsmen, but he believed anything that made the bowlers' lot easier was good for cricket.

The change in Australian pitches from the time of Herbert Sutcliffe to today had affected the natural batsmen for whom Australia had always been famous. Much more technique was needed today, he added.

Hutton was asked by reporters about the Melbourne pitch on which the Third Test was played. He replied that he could not say whether it was watered, but it was "certainly different" after the week-end.—Reuter.

Saturday's Home Soccer Fixtures

The following are the Home Soccer fixtures for Saturday, January 22.

Division I

Aston Villa	v	Blackpool
Burnley	v	Newcastle
Chelsea	v	Manchester C
Huddersfield	v	Cardiff
Leicester	v	Everton
Manchester U	v	Bolton
Preston	v	West Brom
Sheffield U	v	Arsenal
Sunderland	v	Portsmouth
Spurs	v	Sheffield W
Wolves	v	Charlton

Division II

Bristol R	v	West Ham
Bury	v	Forest
Hull	v	Birmingham
Lincoln	v	Ipswich
Liverpool	v	Blackburn
Luton	v	Middlesbrough
Notts C	v	Fulham
Plymouth	v	Derby
Port Vale	v	Doncaster
Rotherham	v	Stoke
Swansea	v	Leeds

Division III (South)

Brentford	v	Swindon
Colchester	v	Brighton
Coventry	v	Watford
Exeter	v	Torquay
Gillingham	v	Bournemouth
Leyton	v	Reading
Millwall	v	Shrewsbury
Newport	v	Walsall
Norwich	v	Queen's Park R.
Southampton	v	Northampton
Southend	v	Crystal Palace

Division III (North)

Accrington	v	Mansfield
Barnsley	v	Southport
Bradford C	v	York
Chesterfield	v	Crewe
Darlington	v	Carlisle
Gateshead	v	Chester
Hartlepools	v	Grimsby
Oldham	v	Halifax
Scunthorpe	v	Barrow
Stockport	v	Bradford
Tranmere	v	Rochdale
Wrexham	v	Workington

Scottish League "A"

Aberdeen	v	St Mirren
Clyde	v	Motherwell
Falkirk	v	Dundee
Hearts	v	East Fife
Kilmarnock	v	Stirling
Queen of South	v	Celtic
Raith R	v	Hibernian
Rangers	v	Partick

Scottish League "B"

Albion	v	Brechin C.
Alloa	v	St. Johnstone
Dundee U.	v	Ayr U.
Dunfermline	v	Third Lanark
Forfar	v	Airdrie
Hamilton	v	Stenhousemuir
Morton	v	Arbroath
Queen's Park	v	Cowdenbeath

FA Cup Replays

London, Jan. 17.

Hartlepools United beat Darlington 2-0 in the FA Cup Third Round second replay at Middlesborough today. Hartlepools' Fourth Round opponents on Saturday, January 29, will be Nottingham Forest at Hartlepools.

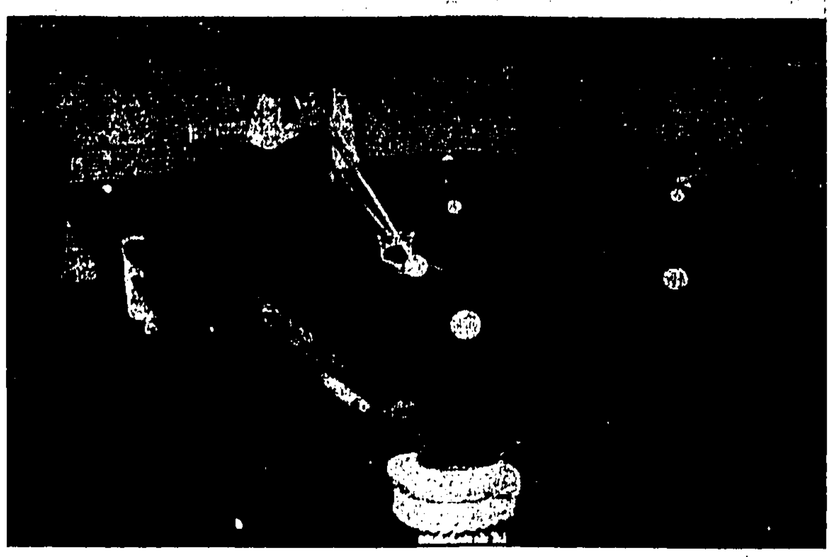
Bury and Stoke City drew 3-all after extra time at Everton. The match will be replayed a third time at Anfield, Liverpool, on Wednesday, January 19.

The Brentford v. Bradford City replay was postponed until Thursday, January 20, because of snow and ice at Leeds. The match will be replayed at Arsenal's ground, Highbury, London.—Reuter.

FLOODLIT SOCCER GAME CANCELLED

The floodlit soccer match between the All Hongkong team and the Hongkong Selection XI scheduled for this evening, has been cancelled.

TAKE YOUR CUE FROM HORACE LINDRUM



Horace Lindrum demonstrates the use of the long butt.

Don't Be Frightened Of The Rest

I know the long rest is an awkward instrument to use. In the absence of a referee it gets caught up in the shade above the table; very seldom has any attention been paid to the tip of the thing; and more often than not the player fully expects to miss the shot if he has to use it.

However, in an important amateur match which I watched quite recently, I observed that one player completely upset his positional play and spoilt his chances of a big break just because he avoided the stroke that meant using the dreaded implement.

It is quite wrong to approach the game with any lack of confidence about certain strokes, or about the equipment needed to execute them. If you let that attitude prevail, you will have little success in conquering the game.

Regard the long rest as a helpmate, not a hindrance. Spend a little time practising with it, and you will find it well worth while.

DON'T RUSH

When it has to be called for, don't get flustered and rush the shot just because you are putting the referee to a little trouble or because you think the whole business a waste of time.

Approach the whole operation efficiently. See to it that the tip is chalked correctly—the right way is to pass the chalk three or four times smartly over the tip itself and not to plaster it all round the edges.

Next, study the position of the balls. It isn't always possible to place the rest to your complete advantage, but whenever you are able to put it directly along the line of your aim, curl your fingers round the butt and hold it firmly on the table.

You now place the cue in the middle groove of the rest head and hold it directly over the rest. Standing squarely behind the cue-ball, you should now be able to maintain an even balance in the execution of your stroke.

In the photograph I am holding the cue higher than is necessary—but that is just to show you my hold on the butt end of the rest. When playing yourself, get well down on the stroke. Note how close the rest and cue-tip are to the cue-ball.

Always play with care. Don't jump up on the stroke in your haste to get the rest off the table as soon as you have played. Only when you have completed the stroke, raise the rest from the table. Do this calmly and you will not foul any of the balls in the vicinity.

Winner-Take-All Double Title Fight

Manila, Jan. 18.

Tanny Campo of the Philippines, who has just successfully defended his Orient flyweight crown in Tokyo against Hiroyuki Tezaki, will stake his title again on April 2 when he tackles the Philippine Flyweight Champion, Kid Danny.

The Campo-Kid Danny fight will be a winner-take-all one since Kid Danny also stakes his crown.—France-Presse.

CURRIE CUP MATCH

Johannesburg, Jan. 17.

North-Eastern Transvaal beat Griqualand West by nine wickets in a Currie Cup cricket match at Benoni near here today.

Griqualand West, who were 196 behind on the first innings, were all out for 242 in their second knock today, leaving N E Transvaal to make only 47 for victory.

The final scores were: Griqualand West 184 and 242 (De Villiers 54, Bryant six for 84). North-East Transvaal 380 and 47 for one.—Reuter.

Rowe Twins Win Belgian Title

Brussels, Jan. 17.

Linde Wertl, Austria, won the Women's Singles Final in the Belgian Open Table Tennis Championships here last night.

Results of yesterday's finals:

Women's Singles: L. Wertl, Austria, beat A. Rozeanu, Rumania, 21-16, 7-21, 21-17, 21-19.

Women's Doubles: R. Rowe and D. Rowe, Britain, beat Rozeanu and E. Zeller, Rumania, 24-22, 21-19, 17-21, 21-12.

Men's Singles Final: T. Reiter, Rumania, beat Seifert, Germany, 21-15, 21-16, 9-21, 21-15.—Reuter.

THREE TENNIS TITLES FOR KRISHNAN

Bombay, Jan. 16.

Ramanathan Krishnan, India's 18-year-old top ranked lawn tennis player, won three titles in the All-India Hardcourt Championships which ended here today.

Partnering Vladimir Skonecki, the former Polish international, he beat the Australians Jack Arkinstall and Bob Howe, 7-5; 6-7; 1-6; 6-3 in the Men's Doubles Final.

Krishnan and Miss Rita Davar, India, won the Mixed Doubles Title with a 6-4; 6-1 victory over Arkinstall and Mistress A. Desai, India.

On Saturday, Krishnan beat Arkinotali in the Men's Singles final.—Reuter.

St. Joseph's College Athletic Championships

The 33rd Annual Athletic meeting of St Joseph's College will be held at the South China Stadium Caroline Hill on Friday, January 21 commencing at 1 p.m. The heats will be run off this afternoon. The old boys events are as follows. 100 metres; Under thirty. 100 metres: Over thirty.

Provided sufficient entries are received.

Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

Tomorrow, the second day of the Hongkong Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting, should attract another big crowd of racing enthusiasts to the Valley. A programme of 10 events will again be contested.

The first Saddling Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m., with the First Race starting at 12.00 noon sharp. The tiffin interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.). The Fifth Race begins at 3.00 p.m.

There are two important events down for decision. The first is the Ladies' Purse, confined to Class 2 ponies, and the second is the P & O Cup for Class 3 ponies.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE
Encouragement Handicap: From the 1½ Mile Post.

The programme opens with a sprint race confined to Class 9 ponies. Rose Dew (Mr Renfrew), by virtue of its second placing in the Third Handicap at the Sixth Race Meeting over six furlongs, will no doubt be in big demand.

I, however, prefer Queenpots although it was officially fourth in the above race with Mr T. L. Wong up. It will be taken out to tomorrow by Mr Kwok, who knows the capability of this pony, and if it should get off to a good start it will be hard to catch.

Angelic Power (Mr U Kumhan) and Harvest Moon (Mr Starr Liu) have shown good form in their morning gallops and I am sure they will be near at the finish. Full Swing (Mr K Shih) is the outsider here.

SECOND RACE
Inspiration Handicap: From the 2-Mile Post.

This race will be contested by Class 9 ponies. There is not much to choose from among the entries although it would seem that the finish should be fought out between First Lady (Mr H. K. Chuang) and Gladiolus (Mr Samareq).

First Lady came in second in the Thurles Handicap over the mile at the Sixth Race Meeting for Novice Riders. As the race will be contested over the two-mile post tomorrow, I consider it is more to the liking of First Lady than Gladiolus.

I think, however First Lady will just win, with Gladiolus taking second place, leaving the third position to be fought out between Bitter Sweet (Mr Kwok) and Thunder Sky (Mr Oliveira).

THIRD RACE
Northern Handicap: Six Furlongs.

In this race for Class 7 ponies I don't think it is necessary to look further than Blossom Time (Mr C. L. Liu) for the likely winner. It will be called upon to carry top weight of 159 lbs., but due to the fact that it came in second from the 1½-mile post at the Sixth Race Meeting, carrying 156 lbs, I believe it is capable of shouldering the extra weight still winning.

Invincible (Mr Plumbly), which was unplaced the last time out with Mr Barthropp up, is good over this distance and may just about secure second place.

For the third position a keen struggle should ensue between Honey Dew (Mr Starr Liu) and Colin (Mr Samareq).

FOURTH RACE
Ladies' Purse: One Mile.

This is the first important race of the day and is confined to Class 2 ponies. Looking over the entries, I like the chances of Ambition (Mr Kwok), Knockagain (Mr Tsai), Marietta (Mr Oliveira) and Norse Girl (Mr Plumbly).

Ambition won the Baldoyle Handicap (Second Section) over this distance for Class 3 ponies at the Fifth Race Meeting carrying 145 lbs. It has been promoted to this class and penalised by 10 lbs. as a result of this victory, but I don't think this will hinder its chances of scoring a win here.

Knock-again is fighting fit at the moment and if Mr Tsai succeeds in getting it in front on the rise of the barrier it should be very near at the finish.

Marietta is a fast improving animal and will probably extend the above ponies.

Norse Girl is the rank outsider in this event.

FIFTH RACE
Valley Stakes (First Section) Six Furlongs.

Among the ponies that are running in this event for 1955 ponies, previous winners barred, Santa Maria (Mr Alex Lam) has the best recommendation for a win.

Castle Peak (Mr Albert Lam), which was officially fourth on the first day of the Annual Meeting in the Hopeful Stakes (First Section) over the mile, may turn out to be a dangerous proposition.

Third place should be fought out between Vendetta (Mr Kwok) and Golden Branch (Mr Shieh).

SIXTH RACE
P & O Cup: One And A Quarter Miles.

This is the second important event of the afternoon and is confined to Class 3 ponies. I don't think I will be far wrong in stating that Shiraz (Mr Kwok) has the best recommendation for the premier position.

Solar Knight (Mr Chen Bo) may prove dangerous with Cirrus (Mr Samareq) also having a say in the matter.

Fidra (Mr Ostroumoff), in view of its gallop over the mile in 2.04.4—last quarter 28.2 seconds—on Tuesday, January 11 will probably attract fairly good support.

SEVENTH RACE
Valley Stakes (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

This is another sprint event and, judging from its second placing in the Hopeful Stakes (Third Section) on Saturday, Winsome Stag (Mr H. K. Chuang) should win, provided it can get off to a good start.

Beautiful Future (Mr Wei) should have something to say about the finish.

Miracle (Mr Samareq) is another pony to bear in mind over this distance.

Southern Cross (Mr Tsai) and Ivan-Ho (Mr Ostroumoff) are also worth keeping in mind on account of their good form at the moment.

Empire Rose (Mr Chan Kit) should be placed and All Guy (Mr Albert Lam) may be worth following as an outsider.

10TH RACE
Western Handicap: One And A Quarter Miles.

Class 7 ponies will battle out the finish in this last race of the day and Henrietta (Mr Kwok), should command strong support in the betting. I think it should account for this race.

It may, however, meet with stern opposition from Laddie (Mr Ostroumoff) which is carrying only 135 lbs.

Tip Top (Mr C. L. Liu) is running well during morning gallops and should be considered. Festival View (Mr Botelho) and V. I. P. (Mr Chuang) are also dangerous and must not be overlooked.

FANLING GOLF

Falconer Wins Junior Club Championship

W. C. Falconer became the Royal Hongkong Golf Club Junior Champion for 1955 by beating R. P. Moodie on the 36th Green on Sunday after a most keenly contested match and after having trailed behind all the game.

The match commenced in a bitter north-east wind, Moodie winning the first, the second being halved and Falconer squaring the match at the 3rd.

Play was fairly even up to the seventh, which was won by Moodie, who also won the next three holes to lead by four up at the tenth. A sporting gesture by this player allowed Falconer to halve the 11th hole and this appeared to put new life into him for he won four of the next six holes to square the match at the 17th. Moodie winning the 18th to enjoy a lead of one up at lunch time.

The afternoon round started very badly for Falconer as he was four down at the 21st. He won two of the next seven holes however, to reduce the lead to two up. Moodie won the 29th and the 30th was halved. The 31st was won by Falconer but Moodie took the 32nd to become three up and four to play.

Falconer's task looked hopeless at this stage but, by putting all he had into the game, he won the next three holes to square the match at the 35th hole. The 36th was a ding-dong affair, both players showing signs of the strain, Falconer sinking his putt for 4, Moodie made a brilliant effort to take the match to the 31st. hole only to see his putt circling around the cup before deciding to rest on the lip.

On his journey to the final, the winner beat W. P. Birtwhistle — 2/1 in the first round, John Wai — 3/2 in the second and K. U. Dzung — 3/1 in the semi-final. The loser beating W. Stoker — 3/1 in the first round, F. C. B. Black — 4/3 in the second and received a walk-over from G. J. Marv in the semi-final.

RAFFY SPOON

Following are the draw and starting times for the St Andrew's Raffy Spoon competition to be played over 36 holes at Fanling on Sunday the 24th.

Old Course

9.16 a.m. N. P. Downie/A. B. Coleman — A. D. Jones/A. E. Irvine; 9.20 T. F. F. Waters/H. R. Pinna — L. D. Kilbee/F. C. Stuckey; 9.24 S. S. Gordon/K. A. Miller — W. Stoker/R. K. Collings; 9.28 D. L. Anderson/W. N. Gray — A. R. Petrie/R. G. L. Oliphant; 9.32 R. P. Moodie/J. D. Clague — J. D. Mackie/W. A. H. Balfour; 9.36 G. O. W. Stewart/D. S. Robb —D. Shaw/W. D. Leighton; 9.40 E. M. Wisely/W. van Alst — J. Wai/K. U. Dzung; 9.45 T. A. Pearce/G. H. P. Pritchard — F. C. Mills/A. S. Grant; 9.48 P. D. Sladden/S. M. Garrard — J. Kerr/I. L. Stanton.

New Course

9.16 a.m. P. G. Cornish/A. F. Sutcliffe — Dr Mackie/H. W. E. Heath; 9.20 P. A. Laroche/R. Willoquet — F. de Jong/J. F. Shoemaker; 9.24 L. F. Stokes/E. C. Drown—Y. T. Tsoong/R. M. T. Orr; 9.28 A. Ho/J. T. H. Ni — J. L. Macintyre/R. E. Lee; 9.32 S. Allen/W. P. Birtwhistle — P. J. Daly/F. N. Kent; 9.36 D. R. Holmes/Cowperthwaite — McCallum/R. M. Campbell; 9.40 A. D. Duffy/J K. Watson — J. R. Leitch/L Goldman; 9.44 G. J. Mary/A. V. White — W. Rees/E. S. Russell; 9.48 W. R. Paterson/N. A. Brown — Dr J. Gray/E. W. D. Gore.

Week-end Competitions

P. G. Sladden won the Medal Pool played over the Old Course during the week-end with a return of 92-18=nett 74. J. J. Cowperthwaite being runner-up with 84-9=nett 75 and L. F. Stokes was in third place with nett 76.

The winner on the New Course was D. R. Holmes with a return of 89-14=nett 75.

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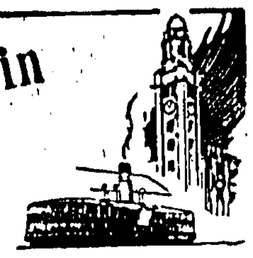

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Hope Of Agreement Over Use Of Jordan River

Washington, Jan. 17.

After conferring with President Eisenhower today, special envoy Mr Eric Johnston said he would leave for the Middle East on January 23 in a mood of "restrained optimism" over his chances of securing an agreement on regional development and use of the Jordan River basin waters.

Mr Johnston spent 45 minutes discussing with the President the $121,000,000 project and receiving the President's latest instructions on the mission, which has taken him to the Middle East twice already.

The United States has been pushing the project as a means of settling rival Israeli and Arab water claims. It would bring 250,000 additional acres of land under cultivation, generate 120,000 kilowatts of hydro-electric power, start resettlement of the 870,000 Arab refugees and provide an economic basis for lessening Arab-Israeli antagonisms.

"I will do my best to get an agreement on this trip," Mr Johnston told reporters at the White House after seeing Mr Eisenhower. "There is some reason for some hope. But it is an extremely tough deal."

NOT DISCOURAGED

"I will not be discouraged if I do not effectuate an agreement on this trip. These things take time."—United Press.

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Wellington, N.Z. Jan. 17.

Construction of New Zealand's first tissue and lightweight paper mill is expected to begin early in 1955.

The mill, to be built at Kawerau in the pine forestation area of the North Island, will cost between £600,000 and £700,000 sterling. It is designed for an output of 4,000 tons to 5,000 tons a year.—China Mail Special.

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Macao 6 p.m.
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By Air
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Japan, 11 a.m.

A Typhoon By Any Other Name . . .

Washington, Jan. 18.

Informed sources said today that it was extremely likely that the Weather Bureau would continue using girl's names to identify hurricanes.

But it may freshen up the alphabetical list of names it has used since 1953 by retiring Carol, Edna, Hazel and perhaps others that have already acquired considerable notoriety.—United Press.

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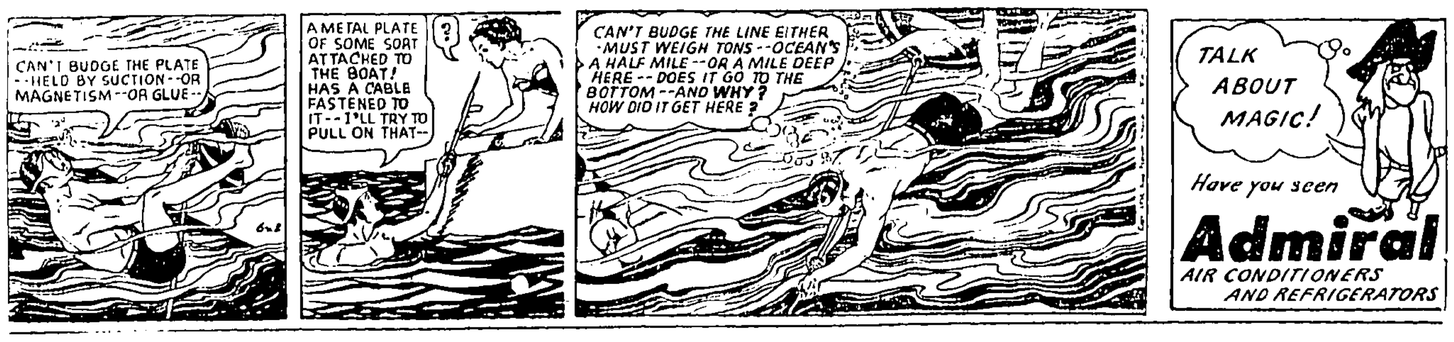

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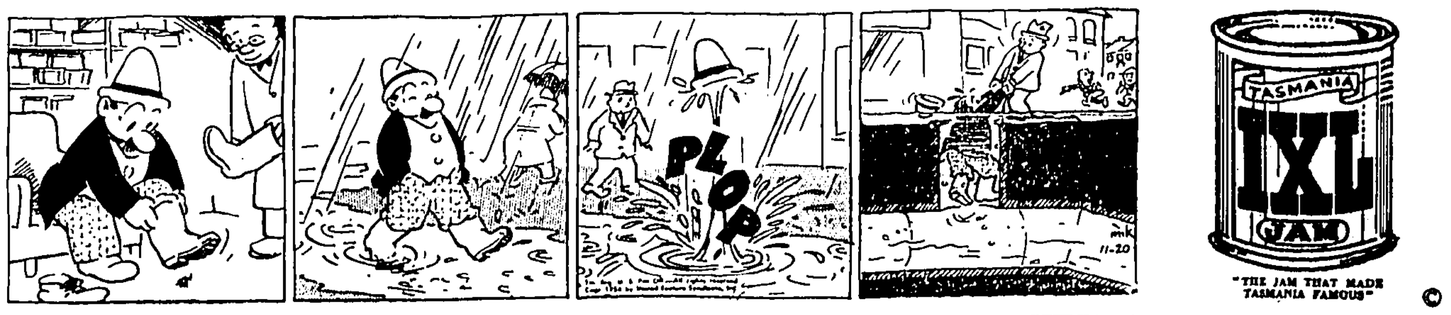

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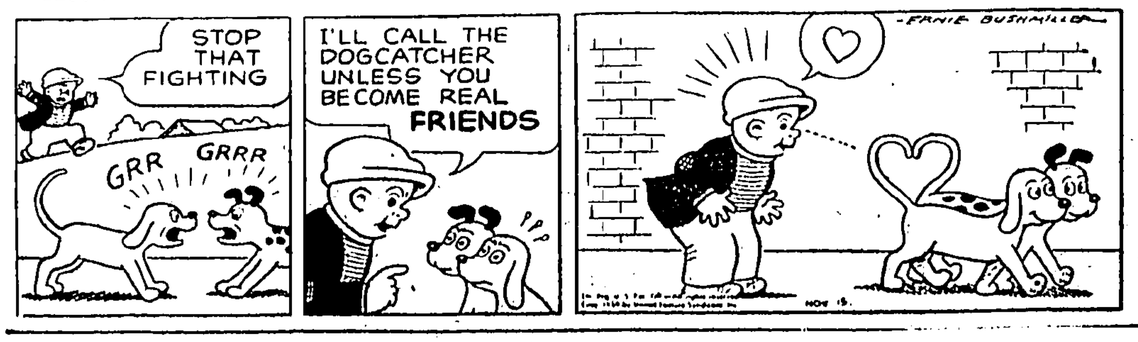

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Why Johnny Won't Eat His Sauerkraut

By JOE JONES

Babies who have poor appetites—whose growth is retarded because of insufficient nourishment—are a constant source of anxiety to mothers the world over.

And, despite the tremendous advances modern science has made in the field of nutrition, there are still many such babies.

Now, however, a new scientific discovery has been announced which promises help for such infants and their parents. A Greenwich, Connecticut, biochemist and nutritional research director has found that by adding small amounts of an essential amino acid to the typical diet, the growth rate of infants — especially those with poor appetites—is substantially improved.

AMINO ACIDS

Amino acids are the units which make up proteins. The amino acid used by Dr Anthony A. Albanese and his associates is lysine. Requirements of infants for this easily-digested amino acid are twice those of normal adults. Dr Albanese reported. Chemical analysis showed that typical feeding formulas, containing adequate proteins, vitamins and minerals were often short of the ideal amount of lysine.

When the researchers fed this nutrient to a group of infants ranging in age from one to twenty-seven months, they noted not only improved growth but also an increase in the hemoglobin and plasma protein of the blood, and in some cases, better appetites.

Other studies concerning the feeding of older children and adults have revealed the interesting fact that taste is not a matter of environment or heredity (as commonly believed) but of chemical differences between people.

This chemical difference is probably the reason why Johnny can't stand spinach and sauerkraut while his brother gobbles them up, believes Dr Arther L. Fox, of Jersey City, N.J. If preliminary evidence is substantiated by further work, he says, there may come a day when Army recruits are grouped according to their chemical taste-test reactions, so that benevolent mess sergeants can plan more pleasing menus for them.

While there may be decided differences of opinion within the family regarding spinach and sauerkraut, practically everybody will agree that rice is both nourishing and agreeable.

RICE IN NEWS

Since this year rice is making news in the U.S. because of a record large crop, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is making public results of research aimed at making this cereal easier to prepare.

Scientists at the Department's Western Regional Laboratory have developed an improved canned cooked white rice, which is made ready to serve by adding a small quantity of boiling water or by heating the can in boiling water a short time. The canned rice comes out white, flavourful, fluffy, with each grain standing separate — avoiding stickiness. The Laboratory also has tested frozen cooked white or brown rice and finds that it keeps well in frozen storage.

Meanwhile, Dr Robert R. Williams of New York, noted authority on nutrition, has urged addition of Vitamin B1 (thiamine) to the rice diet of 800,000,000 Asians, in order to improve the physical and mental health.

Dr Williams, who is widely known for his work in isolating and synthesising this vitamin, told a gathering of scientists of the National Academy of Sciences of dramatic results obtained in Bataan, when the death rate from beri-beri (a vitamin-deficiency disease) was substantially reduced among the 90,000 inhabitants. Dr Williams also has been active in helping to set up cereal-enrichment programmes in many Latin American countries.

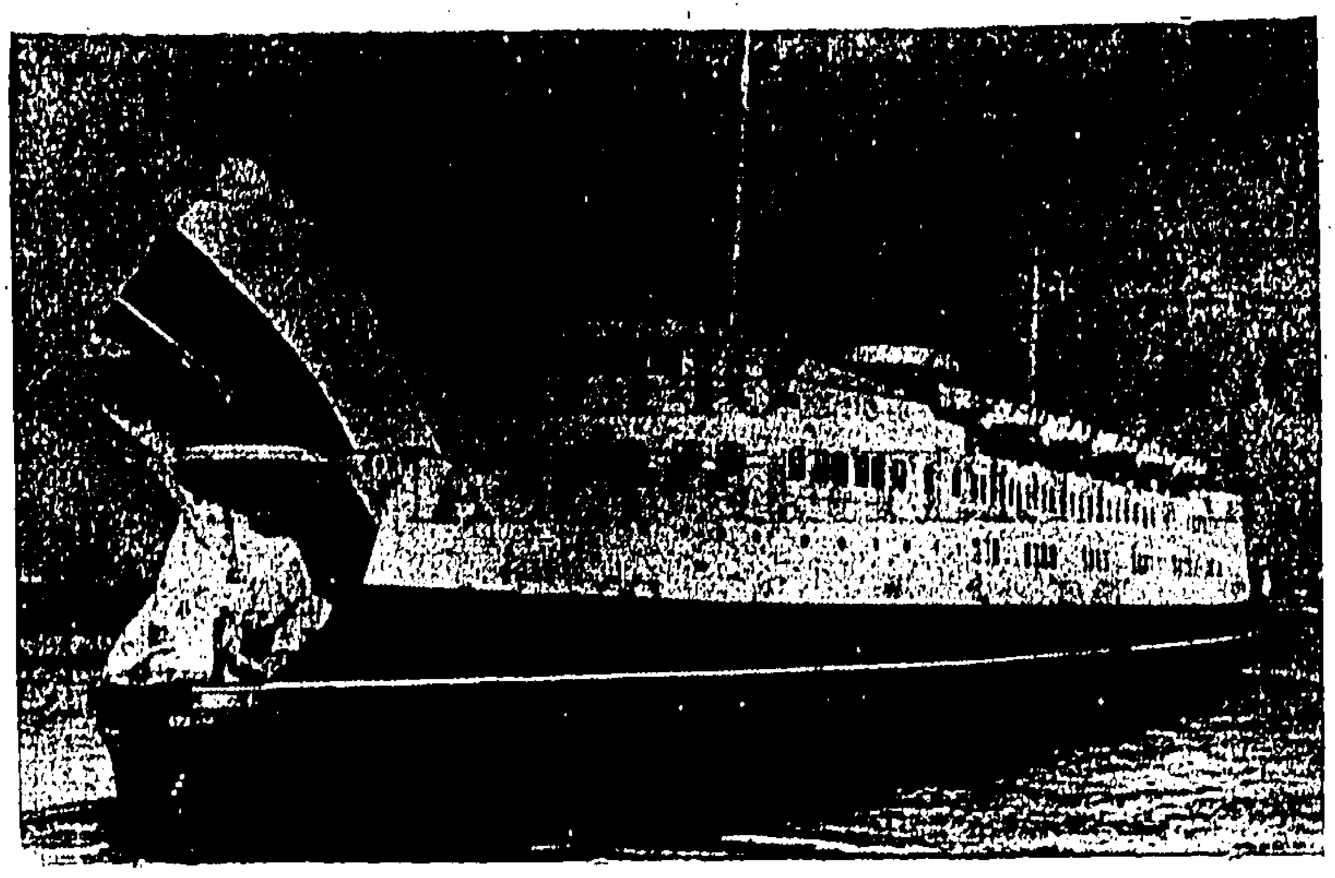
HEALTH NOTES

Add health notes: If you want to avoid ulcers, imitate man's best friend, the dog, and don't worry about anything.

The Journal of the American Medical Association reports that a Chicago specialist on ulcer research had to abandon the use of canines in his experiments. Why? Because the dogs just wouldn't worry — and worry creates ulcers and keeps them active. Even when an ulcer is inflicted on Fido by artificial means, he just sits placidly down and cures himself by refusing to be bothered about it.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6, p.m., Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.03, BBC Bandstand. Munn and Felton's Works Band Conductor: Stanley H. Boddington (BBCTS); 6.30, "First Hearing" presented by Hugh Sullivan (Studio); 6.59 Weather Report; 7, Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 7.09, Commentary (London Relay) or Special Announcements; 7.15, Sir Anthony Eden, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs speaks on the International Situation (London Relay); 7.30, Forces Favourites (London Relay); 8, La Demi-Heure Francaise, Presentation de M. Castel, "Ciboulette" 2eme Partie; 8.30, Masters of Melody, Charles Williams and his Concert Orch. The Music of Charles Williams (BBCTS); 9, Time Signal; Music of the Twentieth Century. Flos Campi—Suite, for Viola, Chorus and Orch. (Vaughan Williams) Bredon Hill (from "On Wenlock Edge") (Vaughan Williams); 9.30, "The English Bible" Written by Noel Scott. Produced by Terence Tiller (BBCTS); 10, Jerome Kern Songs; 10.15, At the Ballet: "Raymonda" (Glazounov, Op. 57a); ... Manuel Rosenthal Conducting the Paris Philharmonic Orch; 10.50, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal, Radio News Reel (Recorded London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music God Save The Queen; 11.30, Close Down.



The Danish State Railways new ferry, King Frederik IX for use on the Danish-German Baltic route between Gedser and Grossenbrode, goes into service. Built at a cost of 211 million Danish Crowns the ferry, the largest ship in the Danish State Railways' fleet, has a triple car deck and takes either: (1) 125 motorcars or (2) 30 trucks or (3) 10 sleeping cars and other express railway carriage or (4) three whole diesel express trains. The ferry has room for 1,200 passengers.—Express Photo.

Too Many Elections But Not Enough For Suffragettes

Why does Switzerland, one of the world's oldest democracies, stand virtually alone in refusing women equal voting rights with men?

The foreigner who attempts to explain this phenomenon must expect almost certain criticism for misrepresentation from at least some sections of Swiss public opinion.

Controversy over the female suffrage rarely impassions the average Swiss, except when foreigners try to pass judgment. Merely to state the relevant facts emerging from a maze of differing laws and traditions in the Confederation of 22 semi-autonomous Cantons is a formidable task.

The problem of suffrage is far more complicated in Switzerland than in most countries, where there are less infrequent elections for local and national Governments.

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In Switzerland, the citizens are constantly being called to the polls to vote on variety of Federal, Cantonal, Communal and Ecclesiastical matters—quite apart from elections.

Decisions must be taken on questions ranging from something so nearly incomprehensible as the reform of the Federal finance system, to something so nearly ridiculous as the competence of a local schoolmaster to order children to wear bedroom slippers on the newly polished floors.

As explanation of the intricate and varying procedures of "Initiative" and "Referendum," through which the Swiss voters express their opinion, must be left aside here.

The male Swiss comes of age at 20, when he is called up for his first annual period of military training. The bearing of arms to defend the soil of the Confederation has always been closely associated with the suffrage.

Reasons for not giving women the vote are rooted in a deep respect for tradition. Life has gone on peacefully and prosperously without female suffrage, and many Swiss think that there is no reason why it should not continue to do so.

Many men argue that they do not want to risk strife in the home and to have their womenfolk exposed to the passions of politics. Many women support this view.

Opponents of female suffrage maintain that women are perfectly able to exert a strong indirect influence on the vote through their position in the home and the community. They do, in fact, exert very noticeable influence through powerful organisations in many social fields.

Women are by no means down-trodden in Switzerland, since almost all professions are open to them, with the notable exceptions of politics and diplomacy. In many Cantons, women can hold high positions in public life, serve on juries and even become judges. In some Cantons, they have the vote in ecclesiastical matters.

Reasons for giving women the vote are easier to outline.

Advocates of the female suffrage merely have to point to the now widely accepted principle of equal rights for men and women.

Swiss working women pay taxes just as the men do, and many demand they should have an equal say in how their money is spent by the public authorities.

Suffragettes claim that even the traditional concept of the soldier-voter is no longer valid, because the Swiss Army now has a Women's Voluntary Auxiliary Service, whose members have equal rights with the troops under the new Swiss Army Service Regulations which came into force this year.

But underlying the whole question of women's suffrage is a large measure of general indifference towards the duty of voting.

The proportion of the all-male electorate which turns out to vote is sometimes as low as 20 per cent. A 30 per cent poll is common, while 50 per cent to 60 per cent is a rough average in Federal votes.

The proportion of the electorate which voted in the last general elections in 1951 was 71.2 per cent. In a Federal referendum last October, on the important question of the reform of the national finance system, the poll was only 45.2 per cent. Percentages are noticeably higher in the few Cantons which have laws for compulsory voting, under which citizens are fined if they do not fulfil their electoral duties.

With so little enthusiasm among the male voters, the women are even less inclined to demand the right to vote.

The major reason for this indifference appears to lie in the Swiss democratic system itself. It has been partly outgrown by modern conditions of increasing population and the ever-spreading ramifications of public affairs.

There is so much voting in Switzerland on so many subjects that most people simply cannot be bothered to go to the polls on all voting days which are Saturdays or Sundays, when they like to take their leisure.

The essence of direct democracy has survived in only a few of the more sparsely-populated Cantons, where large numbers of the population can still assemble in the market square to vote by show of hands. Everyone has a close knowledge of the questions under consideration and everyone knows the people concerned in public life.

Citizens in thickly-populated areas often have little or no idea of how to vote when called to the polls on smaller issues.

Comparatively few people in a big Commune of Zurich, for example, are in a position to know which candidates they would like to see appointed as masters in a local school.

A few have a direct interest and knowledge many let their favourite political organisation think for them, but most simply do not care so they do not vote.

There are numerous and varying proposals for introducing female suffrage.

Some are in favour of giving women the vote only on Communal affairs, others in Communal and Cantonal affairs, and others in Communal, Cantonal and Federal affairs.

Yet others maintain that women should have the vote only in matters of direct interest to the female sex.

Whatever the method may be, Swiss suffragettes are confident that full voting rights will be won eventually.

Sooner or later one of the fairly frequent polls in various Cantons will go in favour of the suffragettes—and a breach will be opened in centuries-old traditions.—China Mail Special.

In search of the Missing Link

Patiala, Pepsu.

Archaeologists here believe that the former state of Nalagarh, now merged in the Patiala and East Punjab States Union, may provide the clue to history's "missing link"—the little known period between the decline of the Indus civilisation, about 3000 BC and the rise of the Maurya Empire, 322-232 B.C.

Knowledge of what happened between the Indus Valley civilisation, which came to an end some time in the 2nd millenium B.C., and the 4th century B.C. is very meagre. Historians have had to depend largely on literature to fill the gaps in their knowledge.

Excavations recently carried out by a German scholar, Dr Olaf Prufer, at several places in Nalagarh have led to the discovery of relics which bear the imprint of both Harappa culture (of the Indus Valley civilisation) as well as of the post-Harappa period. This has strengthened the belief that this area could yield valuable data about what happened in the "missing centuries."

Dr Prufer carried out excavations at several places in Nalagarh—Dher Majra, Rupar and Kalka. He has found not only painted pottery bearing the stamp of Harappa culture but also five varieties of ceramic of the post-Harappa period at Dher Majra.

The discoveries made at Harappa in West Punjab and Mohenjo-daro in Sind had brought to light that 3,000 years before Christ there had existed in these places a highly developed culture known as the Indus Valley of civilisation.

The cities of Harappa and Mohenjo-daro belonging to the pre-Aryan civilisation are the earliest evidence of architecture of India.

They consisted mainly of homesteads, storehouses, baths, avenues and wells. Built in brick, the style was plain and functional. The ruins also point to the existence of a perfect drainage system, telling of a high degree of planning and engineering skill.

Dr Prufer has urged intensive and large scale exploration of the area in the state from Rupar to Ghaggar, which is watered by the river Sutlej.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

AMERICAN ECONOMY

Stocks Make Substantial Recovery On Previous Week's Losses

By John Morka

New York, Jan. 17.

There was a better tone in the American business last week.

There was more talk of good business ahead. As investors appeared to have discovered the effects of a threatened stock market investigation by the Senate and the rise in the margin down payment in purchases of securities. These factors combined last week to depress market valuations over $5,000,000,000.

But [illegible] stock [illegible] back and price made a substantial recovery of the previous week's losses. Activity was somewhat subdued in comparison with last week, but Wall Streeters were encouraged by the generally optimistic sentiment prevailing.

There [illegible] although on a relatively minor scale.

Representatives of 7,500 American retailers and department stores convened at the 44th annual convention of the National Retail Dry Goods Association. Consensus forecast for 1955 improved volume and profits.

INCREASE PREDICTED

Retailers heard Mr Malcolm P. McNair, professor of retailing of the Harvard graduate school of business administration, predict that department stores would increase sales by 3 per cent and profits by 20 to 25 per cent.

U.S. News Report echoed the optimistic note. In its current issue, it envisaged a boom ahead in autos, travel, road construction, furniture, and [illegible] 18,000 million [illegible] spending over 1954. Americans are likely to produce $373,000,000,000 in goods and services, highest level of any year—even higher than the 1953 record of 364,900 million. The 1954 expenditures totalled 357,-[illegible] million.

Among the increases the magazine forecast: $600,000,000 for autos, $2,000,000,000 for travel and services, $400,000,000 for foreign investment, $800,-000,000 for food.

AUTO PROSPECTS

The auto industry appears well on the way to produce one million more cars than in 1954. 1955 models in November, combined output for Nov.-Dec. totalled over 1,100,000 units. The brisk automotive demand for steel appears to have sustained steel production levels of late. Now the steel grey market is back, according to Iron Age, National Metalworking weekly, so far only products affected are cold-rolled sheets and galvanised sheets "and it appears unlikely that the profit taking through unusual distributing channels can continue for more than a few months." The trade publication noted that brokers, who don't usually deal in steel, but act as middlemen, are operating in the field now.

For the customers who can't fill his requirements for rejects and seconds in cold-rolled and galvanised sheets from regular mill sources, the premium for this secondary material may be less. Normally, it sells for less than regular mill prices—if at all, although mills frequently remelt it as scrap to keep it off the market.

On the world trade front, President Eisenhower's message encouraging a freer world trade and reduced tariffs evoked generally favourable comment from Congressional leaders from both the Democratic and Republican parties.

TEXTILE INDUSTRY

Elsewhere, the long-suffering textile industry showed signs of strengthening. The Wall Street Journal noted that the biggest order back-logs in two years appear to be setting the base for further price increases on cotton print and broad cloths.

Several large selling agencies are reportedly sold out on the price-setting 80-square print cloth. Nearby and first quarter deliveries are in the range of 19¼ cents and 19 cents for second quarter delivery.

Meanwhile, dealing in synthetic fabrics appears to be at a reduced pace, although some firmness is noticeable in prices on all types of spun rayon acetate cloths, on 100 dacron fabrics and on dacron and cotton blends.

The increasing importance of the Middle East as an oil producer has affected the position of the U.S. in the world production picture. Total world production is climbing but in the U.S. the climb is slower, Business Week noted.

World petroleum output is now estimated at about 5,000,000,000 lbs. per year. The U.S. share of world output has been dropping in the postwar years, although U.S. production is not on the decline. Instead, U.S. output increased from pre-war 1939 to 1954 by 77 per cent.

The 1954 output was 88 per cent above output in 1946, and the U.S. was still the world's most important petroleum producer, Business Week noted. The magazine added: "But it looks as if final 1954 figures will show the U.S. providing around 47 or 48 per cent of total world output this year—against 68 per cent in 1946 and 61 per cent in 1939."—United Press.

World Cotton Markets

New York, Jan. 17.

Cotton futures [illegible] narrowly [illegible] holding to the pattern of recent [illegible].

Small domestic mill [illegible] and other trading buying was kept over-supplied most of the time through [illegible] liquidation and local offerings.

Most traders [illegible] neutral attitude [illegible] the President's Budget message and awaited further Washington news relating to price supports, acreage controls and marketing of Government surpluses.

Adjustments in the nearby March delivery were a feature. First notice day will be Feb. 21. The open position in March at the start of trading today totalled 753,460 bales. The certificated stock has been increasing gradually, now at 57,136 bales. the stock shows an increase of more than 8,000 bales during the past few weeks.

Closing prices ruled unchanged to off 12 points. The market opened off 1 to 6 points. New Orleans closed unchanged to off 10 points.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open interest
Mar	60,300	753,400
May	57,000	1,178,800
July	45,000	641,700
Oct.	17,200	179,800
Dec.	5,500	107,100
Mar	12,100	60,700
May	2,400	61,700
Total	206,500	2,982,900 bales

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	34.95
March	34.43
May	34.73-74
July	34.91
October	34.68
December	34.74
March	34.83
May	35.07

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows;

Spot	34.10
March	34.41
May	34.73
July	34.93
October	34.68-69
December	34.74
March	35.07
May	35.68

LIVERPOOL

Cotton closings, American middling cotton, 15/16 inch, in pence per lb, were as follows:

March/April	32.24
May/June	32.20
July/August	32.20
October/November	31.99
December/January	32.02

Official values for spot cottons were unchanged.

SAO PAULO

Futures closings, in cruzeiros per kilogram, CIF February were as follows:

March	31.06
May	31.36
July	31.34
October	31.30
December	31.30

In the United States, the average price of 15/16 middling cotton at 10 designated spot markets was 34.07 cents. Sales at these centres totalled 29,504 bales.—United Press.

World Rubber Markets

Singapore, Jan. 17.

The rubber market opened steady on trade support and with sellers very reserved, the market continued to advance gradually all day long. There was some small factory interest. Future closings were:

No. 1 rubber per lb:	
February	98⅝-98¾
March	98¼-98⅛
April	unquoted
No. 2 rubber per lb. Feb.	97⅝-98
No. 3 rubber per lb. Feb.	95⅝-95⅞
No. 4 rubber per lb. Feb.	94⅝-95
Spot rubber unbaled	93⅝-93⅞
Blanket crepe	90⅛-91½
No. 1 pale crepe	101-103

NEW YORK

Futures today closed 75 to 95 points higher with sales of 167 contracts.

Factories were more inquisitive and a moderate business passed in the spot market. Reported sales included March two sheets at 32⅝ cents, after moving in the morning at 32¼ cents. March two sheets were done at 32¾ cents and flat bark for April at 27⅝ cents, all prices delivered basis with further buyers apparent.

Spot No. 1 Rss were quoted at 33⅛ cents. Future closings:

Mar.	33.00
May	32.90
July	32.90
Sept.	32.40
Dec.	32.20
Mar.	31.80

The London and Amsterdam rubber prices were not received today.—United Press.

Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, Jan. 18.

Brokers today quoted to following stock prices:

	Jan. 17 Closing	Jan. 18 Opening
British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate	36	36
Consolidated Tin Smelters, Ordinary issue	26/6d	26/6d
Fraser and Neave Ltd., Ordinary issue	$2.00	$2.00
Fraser and Neave Ltd. 7½% cum. pref	$6.00	$6.60
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation (Colonial Register)	$1118*	$1118*
Malayan Breweries	$4.05	$4.05
Raffles Hotel	$2.72	$2.72
Singapore Cold Storage	$1.99	$2.00
South British Insurance	$26.25	$26.75
Straits Trading	$29.00	$29.00
Steamship	$17.10	$17.10
United Engineers, Ordinary issue	$13.25	$13.75
Wearne Brothers	$2.90	$2.90
Hongkong Tin	5/3	5/3
Petaling Tin	$3.50†	$3.50†

* cum-div. Cum-capital issue.
† with div.

—China Mail Special.

London Foreign Exchange

London, Jan. 17.

New York	2.78¼-2.78-17/32
Montreal	2.68-13/16-2.68⅞
Amsterdam	10.58½-10.58¾
Brussels	139.20-139⅜
Paris	976½-976⅝
Stockholm	14.41½-14.41¾
West Marks	11.73⅛-11.73⅜

Others were unchanged.

—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per $1)	[illegible]
Sterling rates (per £1)	[illegible]
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	[illegible]
Siam ticals (per 100)	[illegible]
Singapore (Straits)	[illegible]
Indo-China piastres (per 100)	10.00

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Jan. 17.

Wall Street erased another $3,000,000,000 or so from the value of all listed stocks today in one of the worst setbacks since the outbreak of war in Korea.

With nothing in the news to stimulate the market, and with the Federal Reserve apparently moving to tighten money all around, selling appeared in order to many investors, especially those still holding sizable profits.

The break slashed as much as $4 and $5 a share from individual stock prices. It cut industrials as a group $8.34 except for the Jan. 5 drop the widest since June 26, 1950 session following outbreak of war in Korea.

Rails cracked $4.18 on average, their widest loss since Sept. 3 1946, and utilities were off 34 cents in their heaviest since April 6, 1953.

STEPPED UP

Volume was stepped up on the decline—always unfavourable from the market point of view—but the 3,360,000-share turnover was below the 4,040,-000 shares of the January 5 break and the 5,300,000 shares on the following day's decline.

The selling was orderly, with prices declining steadily throughout the day after a steady opening, but forcing tickers to run late only briefly.

A flurry selling followed the President's Budget message which indicated lower Government spending and no further corporation tax relief.

The big reason behind the move, however, apparently is the Federal Reserve's move to tighten credit and prevent stock excesses. The Reserve has been selling Government bonds, thereby shrinking available credit, bringing some higher interest rates and forcing Government bonds lower and thus into competition with stocks. There is talk, too, of a long-term Government bond issue.

The selling today hit in all major groups — steels, motors, chemicals rails, aircrafts, oils, utilities — with only a handful of special issues moving against the trend.

Among steels, losses ranged to $3 in Bethlehem and Republic, more than $2 each in U.S. Steel, Armco, Youngstown Sheet and Tube and Lukens.

Chemicals were hard hit.

Douglas lost almost $5 in the aircrafts and United Aircraft almost $3.

Out of 1,274 issues traded, 948 were lower on the day, only 166 higher.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was $5,-060,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 1,150,000 shares.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 industrials	388.20
20 rails	137.84
15 utilities	62.06
65 stocks	144.30
40 bonds	100.75
Comm. future price index	169.47

—United Press.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to $1,039,-313.50. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
[illegible]	2130	2135	60 @ 2110
			10 @ 2130
			11 @ 2135
[illegible]	21½		
INSURANCES			
Union	942½	950	15 @ 945
Lombard		50	
Underwriters	10.30		
SHIPPING			
Waterboat	21.20	21.40	
Asia Nav	74c		
DOCKS ETC			
K. Wharf		80½	
Dock		27.60	500 @ 27.60
Provident (Old)	15.60	15.90	500 @ 15.80
Wheelock	7.35	7.45	3000 @ 7.40
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	15.60	15.90	2500 @ 15.60
			3000 @ 15.70
			4000 @ 15.80
HK Land	71	72	300 @ 71½
Humphreys	25.20	25.60	300 @ 25.20
Realty	2.15	2.17½	3000 @ 2.15
			2000 @ 2.17½
UTILITIES			
Tram	22.30	22½	500 @ 22.00
			2350 @ 22½
Star Ferry	190		
Y'mati Ferry	189	191	700 @ 190
C. Light (O)	18.30	18½	200 @ 18½
			500 @ 18.40
			21 @ 18.30
			800 @ 18.40
C. Light (N)	15.20	15.40	200 @ 15.40
			36 @ 15.30
			5000 @ 15.30
Electric	39¾	40	1000 @ 39¾
			1500 @ 39½
			2000 @ 39¾
Macao Elec	12½	13	
Telephone	35¼	35¾	4000 @ 35½
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	42	42½	300 @ 42
Rope	18.20	18.60	
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	24½	25	1300 @ 24.70
Watson	17½	17.90	100 @ 17½
" (N)	16½		82 @ 16½
			104 @ 16
L. Crawford		27	
MISCELLANEOUS			
Yangtze	6.00		1000 @ 6.10
Allied		4.57½	500 @ 4.55

New York Sugar Market

New York, Jan. 17.

World No. 4 sugar futures today closed 1 point higher to 1 point lower with sales of 87 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed 1 to 3 points higher with sales of 62 contracts.

World sugar futures trading was mixed with trade interests on both sides. In the raw market, dealers understood Syria will be in the market also and are reportedly pending on 7,500 tons of raws to Ceylon.

Refiner buying orders predominated in domestic contract. Future closings were:

Contract No. 4 (world)	
March	3.15
May	3.15
July	3.14
Sept.	3.14
Spot-(cents per lb fob Cuba)	3.15

Contract No. 6	
March	5.45
May	5.52
July	5.52
Sept.	5.64
Nov.	5.63
Spot-(per lb. in cents cif NY ex-duty)	5.45

—United Press.

New York Foreign Exchange

New York, Jan. 17.

Canada	$1.03⅛
England-official	2.78-9/16
" unofficial	2.67-2.69
" 30-day futures	2.78-19/32
" 60-day futures	2.78⅝
New Zealand	2.77¾

—United Press.

Study Of New York Stock Market By Bank Committee

Washington, Jan. 17.

The Senate Banking Committee has unanimously approved a "study" of the New York Stock Market, but pointedly shunned the term "investigation."

The Chairman, Mr J. William Fulbright said he hopes hearings on the booming bull market can begin about February 21. He said the Committee wants to avoid influencing the market "to the maximum extent possible."

He said he does not believe the proposed inquiry has affected the market to date. He told questioning newsmen he sees nothing "to be scared of" or "get excited about."

"We plan no investigation of the market at the present time in the meaning often attached to that term," Mr Fulbright said. "I know of no specific frauds, manipulations, or wrong doings, nor am I even suspicious of any."

"VERY UNUSUAL"

But he said the "very unusual, almost perpendicular" increases in stock prices, which began about 15 months ago and have been intensified in recent weeks "certainly warrant the Committee's concern and study."

Mr Fulbright said the "instability of the U.S. economy is a frequent concern of our allies and "one of the main propaganda points used by the Kremlin." He said it is a characteristic that should be minimised.—United Press.

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Sheaffer's "SNORKEL"

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Eating out

IT was the luncheon hour, and the big restaurant a little resembled the rest-area behind a battlefield.

Many of the customers were women just in from the fierce, hand-to-hand skirmishing at the sales. In the eyes of some of these, the light of battle still shone, the eyes of others told of the strains and stresses they had undergone in the front line.

Elsewhere, tense and taut, were women bracing themselves for the afternoon assault, and others who longed to join them but were tied to children bound for pantomimes and dentists.

At one table, alone, aloof from all the bustle, a pale young man sat.

A GOOD APPETITE

HE had a lofty forehead, golden hair, an air of exquisite melancholy. He might have been a poet who had lost his Muse somewhere among the throng, and was trying to search her out. For his eyes never rested for long on one place, scanning the crowd with radar diligence.

The young man's name was Derek, and he had a better appetite than most pale, melancholy men possess. Food in that restaurant was not exorbitantly priced, but Derek's bill, when the waitress slipped it under the plate at last, was for 11s-odd.

He took it, rose, and languidly threaded the maze of tables, towards the door.

THIRD TIME

WHEN he reached the street, he heaved a delicate sigh of relief. No one had stopped him to demand that he should pay for his meal.

Encouraged by this success, Derek repeated his performance at lunch on next day, and scored another hit. He decided to dine that night at another branch of the same establishment, and that was his undoing. He was stopped as he was leaving, and when he confessed he had not 8s to pay for the meal he had enjoyed, the police were called.

At Great Marlborough Street, in the morning, Derek palely pleaded guilty to the charge against him. He asked for the other five meals to be taken into consideration, and Mr Paul Bennett, VC, the magistrate, remanded the case for inquiries to be made into Derek's history.

SAVINGS

WHEN Derek was next shown into the dock, a policeman went into the witness-box, and said to the magistrate: "I now have particulars, sir, about another conviction. A week before the last offence, this man was discharged conditionally at Marylebone, for obtaining a meal, costing 4s. 5d., by fraud.

"He's a single man, sir, and has worked as a labourer and a clerk. He tells me he has done no work since September. . . ."

"Why? Has he been ill?" the magistrate asked.

"No, sir. He tells me he had saved £12, and has been living on that."

The magistrate called for Mr Charles Morgan, the probation officer, to ask what he had discovered about Derek.

FOUR WEEKS FREE

"HE says he's lost control of himself," Mr Morgan said, "but I feel that he is the kind of man who, if helped, will just lean on that help, and do nothing else. I think he is the sort who must be made do for himself . . ."

"What do you want to say?" Mr Bennett asked Derek.

"Nothing," he answered limply.

"Well, you will have no worry about meals for the the next four weeks. That is the sentence of this court," said the magistrate.

"Thank you, sir," Derek said, and he drifted away, moistening his lips with his tongue, from nervousness, perhaps, or the thought of the free meals that lay ahead of him.

Went For Safe, Blew up Bank

Nicholasville, Kentucky, Jan. 17.

A band of robbers who last night tried to blow up the safe of the Nicolasville Agricultural Bank blew up the whole bank instead.

Police, firemen and agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation today were still trying to dig through the rubble to the safe containing US$100,000.

The would-be robbers used nitro-glycerine, the police said. —France-Presse.

SHOCK UPSET FOR SYDNEY'S ALDERMAN O'DEA

From H. King Wood

Sydney, (By Airmail)

Biggest upset of this new year so far was the defeat on Monday of Ernie O'Dea for the £1,750 job as chairman of the Sydney County Council—the Local Government body which sells Sydney's electricity.

Alderman O'Dea was the Labour nomination and as Labour has a majority on the Council he seemed home and dried.

But a former Labour alderman, who was expelled from the Party last year, nominated and with the Civic Reform votes, downed friend O'Dea.

Story doing the civic rounds is that the former Labour man struck a bargain with the Civic reformers—"you vote for me this year and I'll vote Civic Reform next year." Right or wrong, it does not matter much because Civic Reformers have been dominated by a Labour chairman for so many years that they were quite happy to vote for anyone with a different label.

Although Ernest must have been somewhat grief-stricken as he watched £35 a week float away by one vote, he will still manage to get along quite nicely. As well as an Alderman of the City Council (unpaid), he is Secretary of the powerful and wealthy Shop Assistants' Union and a member of the State Upper House.

* * *

This cricket we have been playing lately is getting somewhat expensive.

Gate for the last day of the Melbourne Test was £7,776. Only 36 runs were scored in the day, so that makes it £216 a run.

ATOMIC CITY

The year's worst kept secret was the premature announcement this week that Australia's first "atomic city" will be built within 20 miles of Sydney and not far from the popular holiday resort of Cronulla.

The statement, made by a district business man who for many years was active in local and State Government affairs, caused a considerable "flap" among various departments with threats of inquiries and so forth.

A senior official of the Atomic Energy Commission later admitted that the report was correct.

The site chosen covers about 100 acres and as well as being the location of nuclear reactor which will cost at least £5,500,000, there will also be scientific laboratories, engineering workshops and other necessary buildings.

Preparation of the "city" is likely to run into millions of pounds and it is understood that the British Government will play a big part in its establishment.

VISITING ARTISTS

For the last twelve months we have had a succession of artists here from the United States. Hit-and-run merchants we call them because of the speed of their flight. They come, clean up big in a fortnight and are gone.

All have been top names, all have been mobbed by teenagers, and whether we like it or not, all have known their job.

We hear now that the procession is nearing its end. Australian live artist shows are beginning to kick and got the local Actors' Equity interested—and the ban is to be issued.

Which, in lots of ways, is a pity.

MEN'S SUITS

A visiting American suit maker, Mr Myron Ackerman, says Australian men should have at least five suits each in their wardrobe.

He has 12 suits himself and says it is economical to have a lot of suits in the wardrobe because they kept their new look longer.

Maybe Mr Ackerman isn't aware that a moderate suit "off the peg" in this country sets you back not less than £25, and those big shot executives who still manage to keep enough after taxation to get made-to-measured are paying around the £45 mark.

Away goes the old blue serge to the cleaners again tomorrow!

Maybe you will recall that it was mentioned that of all the people who didn't want 10 o'clock to win at the recent hotel closing referendum were hotel keepers and hotel employees.

Two interesting things have happened about that this week.

First was that a senior crown law official remarked that there was nothing to compel a hotel keeper to stay open to 10 p.m. — which has opened some interesting discussion.

Secondly, the employees have announced that they will not do night work until their award is increased considerably. No doubt that will be ironed out before February 1—starting date—but the point is that not one employer or the ULVA has joined battle with the employees.

EXPORT MARKETS

Most pessimistic note of 1955 has been struck by the Australia and New Zealand Bank which warned that we faced declining export markets and a large adverse trade balance in the financial year ending June 30.

The Bank says that not only are their indications of pressure towards inflation appearing again on Australia's internal economy, but that the overseas outlook is not nearly so buoyant.

The Bank is backed up by the President of the Export Development Group, Mr A. Sparks, who said: "Unless wool values appreciate—and I see no reason why they should—the drop in our export proceeds must continue."

Certainly the re-opening of the wool sales haven't helped the position. Last week early prices were 7½ per cent down on last year's prices, while some grades were 10 per cent cheaper.

Trade authorities are now coming to the conclusion, however reluctantly, that values, although still good, are not going to touch the goldmine figures of other years.

The PM, Mr Menzies, must also have some fears about the future, for it has been announced that he intends to do some straight talking in London about the necessity for Britain to help out in our trade difficulties.

He will press Australian demands for revision of Empire trade preferences to give Australian producers a bigger share of British markets. He wants Britain to buy more foodstuffs, particularly to check the slide of our trade balance.

On the other hand, 2,694 new companies were registered in New South Wales last year with a nominal capital of £197,991,615. Of these, 123 were foreign companies—to which can be added record low unemployment and a record number of jobs vacant.

THE ROAD TOLL

Police and road authorities are now getting really worried about this State's climbing toll of the road.

In the first nine days of the month 30 people were killed on the roads compared with 14 last year.

Traffic police, all out to catch erring motorists, booked nearly 3,000 for various offences, in one week-end.

There is no doubt that many motorists are responsible for road deaths, but the pedestrians aren't without their sins and omissions. To watch them sometimes makes us wonder why the toll is so low.

Maybe the answer is a sudden blitz against the jay-walker, the middle-of-the-road walker and the disregarder of traffic signals.

SNAKE SCARE

Excitement of the week. . . . Deadly snakes slithered in all directions when a snake-charmer's van was wrecked in a crossing smash near Melbourne.

Railwaymen and townspeople ran for safety but Police—from a respectful distance—keep a wary eye on the snakes.

The snake-charmer, after minor attention in hospital, rushed back to the scene and calmly—and fondly — rounded the reptiles up with his bare hands.

Flagship Here

Vice-Admiral Alfred M. Pride, Commander of the United States Seventh Fleet, arrived here this morning aboard his flagship, the cruiser Helena, on a recreational visit.

Accompanied the Helena from Formosan waters were the patrol vessels, Hanna and Naifeh. The American seaplane tender Salisbury Sound also entered port.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"They're coming over in 15 minutes to talk about the things they've been yakking about on the phone for the last hour!"

$41,900 Deposit Claim Upheld

Mr Justice C. W. Reece at the Supreme Court this morning awarded judgment with costs in favour of the Kwong Hsing Hong firm, of 17 Wing Wo Street, in an action for the return of a deposit of $41,900.

The defendant firm, the United Trade Development Ltd, of 1 Duddell Street, was not represented by anyone in Court.

Mr Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr Francis H. B. Wong of Messrs C. Y. Kwan and Co., represented the plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs claimed that by a contract on June 18, 1951, the defendants agreed to sell them five tons of Vulcasite-Thiuram at $0.50 per pound to be shipped from a European port in August or September 1951.

On August 20 that year, the defendants requested the payment of a deposit in the sum of $41,900 by the plaintiffs. This sum was paid. Defendants, however, failed to ship the goods within the specified time and on November 2, plaintiffs gave notice to defendants to cancel the contract. Defendants failed to refund the deposit money.

Evidence was given by Siu Chun-man, managing partner of the Kwong Hsing Hong firm, of the drawing up of the contract. The negotiations were carried on through a broker.

NEW CONTRACT

Witness said the contract was later substituted by another contract. The terms were identical, except that in the second contract the words "...or Macao" were added after the words "....cif Hongkong...."

The first contract had been handed over to the defendants, continued witness. He produced a copy of the second contract in Court.

When the goods did not arrive within the stipulated time, he wrote to defendants asking them to cancel the contract and requesting return of the deposit money.

The following day, November 3, 1951, he received two letters from defendants, one by post and the other by messenger, asking him to pay up the balance of the purchase money in respect of the goods, without making any reference to the plaintiffs' letter sent to them on the previous day.

Mr Yu told the Court that the case originally came up for hearing on September 22, 1954, but that Mr Brook Bernacchi, who appeared for defendants then, had requested an adjournment to amend the defence. He said Mr Bernacchi has since withdrawn from the case.

Pickpocket Caught

Police Constable 3933 of the Water Front Search Unit, while off duty, was walking near the junction of D'Arguilar and Wellington Streets about 2.45 p.m. on January 15, and saw a man picking a pencil from the jacket pocket of a European.

He went up to the man, identified himself, arrested him, and found a Parker 51 pencil in his possession. The man put up a struggle for about seven minutes and was subdued only when another Police Constable arrived at the scene.

Subsequently PC 3933 located the European opposite Queen's Theatre. He was a Mr G. M. Scott, who identified the pencil as his property.

Appearing before Mr J. E. Durling at Central this morning, Kwong Yam, 25, of 44 Peel Street, second floor, unemployed, was sentenced to nine months for larceny from the person and three months for resisting arrest. The sentences are to run consecutively.

The Magistrate further ordered that the accused be placed under Police supervision for a period of two years.

Thoughtful Action On Behalf Of Ship's Passengers

Tokyo, Jan. 18.

A party of Japanese customs and immigration officials today flew to Hongkong to join the British luxury liner Chusan to complete all customs procedures on board ship before it reaches Japan on January 24.

A customs official said this would save 500 tourists on board wasting time going through "tedious procedures" when they arrive in port.—Reuter.

East-West Talks

(Continued from Page 1)

"The true conflict in South-east Asia is not only for men's bodies but also for men's minds," the Foreign Secretary observed.

"Nowhere in the world today is the political position so complicated and indeed so dangerous as in Asia."

Sir Anthony Eden said he had a two-fold task during his forthcoming tour of several Middle East and Southeast Asian countries.

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DOCTOR'S OPINIONS ON INHERITED INSANITY

This Morning's Testimony In The Quie Case

"The fact that a patient may have an insane parent means that that patient would have a greater liability to develop mental illness . . . . but you certainly cannot under any circumstances whatsoever diagnose insanity because one or the other parent had it."

This statement was made by Dr Ellis Stungo, Harley Street physician and psychiatrist when he continued his testimony in the action for damages against three Government doctors before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice T. J. Gould, and a Jury in the Supreme Court this morning.

Dr Stungo further answered in the negative when asked by leading Counsel for the plaintiff: "Are all people insane if their parents have been found insane?"

Plaintiff in the action is Mr Joseph Leslie Quie, merchant, and his claim is for $250,000 damages for alleged injury to himself from the defendants' alleged negligence in connection with his detention in a mental home for observation or for the certification of the plaintiff as being of unsound mind and his consequential confinement in a mental home.

Defendants are Dr P. M. Yap of the Mental Hospital, Dr S.H. Moore of the Medical Department and Prof. A.J.S. McFadzean of Queen Mary Hospital.

Appearing for the plaintiff are Mr John McNeill, QC, Mr Lawrence Leong and Mr R. W. S. Winter, all instructed by Mr M. A. da Silva.

Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr and Mr D. F. O. Mayne, Senior Crown Counsel, are representing the defendants.

The amount of damages claimed include $130,831.88 as general damages and $119,168.12 as special damages.

Dr Stungo who had in his evidence on Friday stated that when he saw plaintiff in England in July, 1952, plaintiff was perfectly normal, continued his testimony this morning.

INTERROGATORIES

Witness was handed copies of interrogatories and answers to them by Dr Yap.

Dr Stungo, in reply to a question, said that there was no reason whatsoever, in view of the evidence and the answer to an interrogatory given by Dr Yap, for Dr Yap's reason for believing that plaintiff was of unsound mind.

Witness was referred to another answer by Dr Yap in reply to a further interrogatory. He declared there was nothing in this answer that indicated insanity. It simply meant that plaintiff felt that he had some grievance or criticism, but it had nothing to do with mental disorder.

Witness was referred to Dr Yap's application of March 28, 1952, and the question in the interrogatory reading "What are the names of the other persons referred to in the first defendant's said application and what were the facts in detail communicated to him by each of them." Witness said he had read the reply and said that taking a general view of that statement it did not give any indication of insanity, of a maniac depressive type, or of alcoholic dementia.

Referring to a passage in the reply relating to plaintiff's mother's insanity, Mr McNeill asked whether insanity of either or both parents was a basis upon which insanity in the offspring could be diagnosed. Witness replied in the negative. He added that insanity of any condition at all must only be diagnosed by identifying positive criteria, definite clinical signs in the patient, his behaviour, his utterances, and the various items appertaining to the patient only.

INHERITED TENDENCIES

Dr Stungo declared that the fact that a patient may have an insane parent meant that that patient would have a greater liability to develop mental illness. The patient would inherit what was called a pre-disposition. Some people got asthma because it was an inherited tendency; various conditions in the parents provided inherited tendencies in the children, "but you certainly cannot under any circumstances whatsoever diagnose insanity or asthma or anything you like because one or the other parent had it."

Witness went on to say that it might be of some interest in research or in trying to find out more about these various conditions, but from the point of view of diagnosis it was totally irrelevant.

Mr McNeill: You might as well say that perhaps a man is a thief because his father is a thief. Is that a possible analogy.

Dr Stungo: A possible analogy might be that if a man's father was a criminal and his son was arrested on suspicion of having committed a crime, you might just as well say he was guilty because his father was a criminal.

Are all people insane either of whose parents have been found insane?—No, certainly not.

Reading further from Dr Yap's answers, Mr McNeill asked:

Is that in your opinion any indication whatever of a person suffering from maniac depressive psychosis?—No.

Or of alcoholic dementia?—No.

Counsel said that when he spoke of insanity he was speaking of insanity of a particular kind mentioned in the present action.

NOT DIAGNOSTIC

Asked to make a comment on an answer given by Dr Yap which was read to the Court by Counsel, Dr Stungo said that if the statement was true, it might mean that plaintiff was an ambitious person, that he was extravagant and that he was a speculator. There was nothing in Dr Yap's expression of opinion that it would be diagnostic of maniac depressive insanity or of alcoholic dementia.

To a statement by plaintiff's son Clive that he (Clive) was of the opinion that his father (plaintiff) was "going too far and faulty in his judgment" (which statement was read to the Court), Dr Stungo said that it indicated that Clive was disapproving of his father's (plaintiff's) schemes and intentions but it did not suggest insanity.

Asked to explain the meaning of "psychopathic," Dr Stungo said that psychopathic really indicated character with a kink in it and abnormality.

Mr McNeill read a statement by plaintiff's wife contained in Dr Yap's reply to interrogatories. He referred to a phrase "alternating periods of depression and relation," and asked witness whether on the face of that and without knowing the extent of the depression and relation it could be used as a basis for belief of insanity.

FLUCTUATIONS

Dr Stungo said no, adding that most people were subject to fluctuations of mood. "We all have our days when we feel particularly good and alternatively days when we feel a bit depressed." Fluctuations might be wide, but that simply indicated instability of character.

Mr McNeill: Do some forms of depression and relation form basis of belief of insanity?

Dr Stungo: Only if very marked. The relaton can be regarded as maniac and the depression as melancholic.

The relation has got to be very high and depression very deep?—Yes.

Is sexual delinquency a basis for belief for insanity?—No.

Mr McNeill again referred to Dr Yap's application of March 28, 1952, and the answers to interrogatories. He said that the next sentence in the answer referred to certain hallucinations having occurred two years before. He asked whether that report of hallucinations two years previously afforded a reasonable ground for belief for insanity of a patient in March, 1952. Witness said No.

Mr McNeill: I now come to the actual hallucinations. Hallucination of music. Am I right in calling it auditory hallucination?

Dr Stungo: Yes.

DELIRIUM TREMENS

And seeing a face in the open window. Do you diagnose that as delirium tremens?—No. DT's are extremely spectacular and frightening conditions. The patient is invariably in a state of acute terror and imagines all sorts of horror things, and has hallucinations, but he may see horrible looking monsters and feel that creeping, crawling things are all over the place and in his blood.

Witness said Henderson and Gillespie's book on Psychiatry was a standard work and he was familiar with it.

Reading from the volume on hallucinations, Mr McNeill asked whether Dr Stungo agreed with that as a description of hallucinations connected with DT. Witness said Yes.

Mr McNeill: Is there anything more you want to refer to in this particular point from this book?—Only with regard to hallucination of music or of seeing a face on the open window.

Are they indicative in any way of DT?—No. It is a very common thing for people to have a tune going through their mind and to imagine something from outside.

Buzzing in the ears can be an actual thing, not a hallucination. Can it also be a hallucination?—Yes.

Counsel read further from answers given by Dr Yap.

Dr Stungo, in answer to a question, said that one of Dr Yap's answers was not indicative of insanity of plaintiff. Witness said he was thinking of the circumstances under which plaintiff was depressed and cheerful. He was ill and he understood that he was likely to die. In fact that would make anyone depressive.

Mr McNeill: Not indicative of insanity?—No.

NOT A BASIS

Going on to medical details contained in the reply, Mr McNeill asked whether that was a basis for the belief of insanity.

Dr Stungo replying in the negative said that increased sexuality was not a sign of mental illness. The fact that Dr Yang (plaintiff's former doctor) mentioned that he had learned that plaintiff had shown greatly increased sexuality was no reason for considering plaintiff to be insane, he said.

Mr McNeill: Assuming that the increase occurred at a time when Mr Quie was in bad health with cirrhosis of the liver, is your answer in any way affected?

Dr Stungo: It would be very unusual for anyone who was seriously ill to show any interest in sexual matters. And if a patient did in fact show increased sexuality it could quite well mean that he was not as physically ill as had been decided.

Mr McNeill read the next sentence in the answer dealing with a statement by Dr Dawson-Grove to Dr Yap in which it was stated that plaintiff had been drinking very heavily and in the past few weeks had developed grandiose ideas.

Mr McNeill: Assuming that statement to be correct, does it form any reasonable basis or any basis for a belief in the insanity of Mr Quie?

Dr Stungo: No.

OFTEN SLEEPLESS

He was also sleepless and got up to shave twice a night. That shows restlessness. Might that be some indication? — When a person is ill he is often sleepless. In itself insomnia should not give rise to the belief that a person is insane.

In another statement read it was stated that Mrs Quie and Clive were in terror of the plaintiff. Witness said that that statement meant that Mrs Quie and Clive were afraid, but it was not a positive statement appertaining to Mr Quie. It was something appertaining to Mrs Quie and Clive.

It is a fact which concerns them?—Yes. It does not mean that Mr Quie was insane.

Hearing is proceeding.

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